

ANNO TRICESIMO
TERTIO HENRICI
OCTAVI.

HENRY THE. VIII.

BY THE GRACE OF
God kyng of Englande, Fraunce,
and Ireland, defender of the fayth,
and of the Church of Englande
and also of Ireland in each the
Supreme head, to the honour of
almighty God, and for the concord
quiet and welch of this hys realme,
and subiectes of the same, helde
his moste hygh court of par-
lyamente, begun at westm-
ster the XVI. daye of Jan-
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menced with the fyrste
daye of Aprill, the
XXIII. yere
of his moste
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An Acte concerning counterfeit letters or priuie tokens to receyue money or goodes in other mens names. Cap. i.



OR AS MVCH AS many lyght and euyl disposed personnes not myndinge to get their lpynges by truthe, accor- dyng to the lawes of this realme, but compassyng and dy- upsyng dayly howe they maye vnlawfully obteyne and get into their handes and possessions goodes cattalles and ie- wels of other persons for the maintenance of their vnthyff- ly lpynges. And also knowyng that if they come to any of the same goo- des cattalles and iewelles by felthe, that than they beyng therof lawfully conuicte, accor dyng to the lawes of this realme, shall dye therfore: haue come of late falsely and disceitfully contrpyed deuyfed and ymagyned pry- uie tokens and counterfaite letters in other mens names, vnto diuers per- sons their especiall frendes and acqwayntaunces, for the obteynyng of mo- ny goodes, cattalles, and iewelles of the same persons, their frendes and acqwayntaunces, by colour wherof, the sayde lyght and euyl dysposed per- sonnes haue disceitfully and vnlawfully obteyned and gotten great sub- stance of money, goodes, cattals, and iewels into their handes and posses- sions, contrary to righte and conscience. For refozmacion wherof, be it or- dyned and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any per- son or persons, of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be, at any time af- ter the first daye of Aprill next commyng, falsely and disceitfully obteine or get into his or their handes or possession any money, goodes, cattals, iewels, or other thynges, of any other person or persons, by colour and meanes of any suche false token or counterfaite letter made in any other mans name, as is aforesaid: that then euery such person and persons, so offendyng, and being therof lawfully conuicte by wytnesses, taken before the lord Chaun- cellour of Englande for the tyme beyng, or by examinacion of wytnesses, or confession taken in the sterte chaumber at westm befoze the kynges moste honourable counsell, or before the iustices of assise in their circuits for the tyme beyng, or before the iustices of peace within any parte of the kynges dominion in their general sessions, or by actio in any of the kynges courtes of record, shal haue and suffre such correction and punishment by impri- sonment of his body, setting vpon the pillory, or otherwise by any corporall payne (except paynes of death) as shal be vnto him or them lymitted adiud- ged or appointed be the person and persons, before whom he shall be so con- uicte of the saide offences or of any of them.

And be it further enacted by chauctoritie afoze sayde, that as well the iustices of assise for the tyme beinge, as also two Iustices of peace in euery countie, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shal haue full power and auctori- tie to call and conuent by proces or otherwise, to the said assises or generall sessions, any person or persones beyng suspected of any the offences afoze- saide, and to committe hym or them to ward, or let hym or them to baple till

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all shrouded allwaies and be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid
that iustices of the peace within every citie borough towne and franchise
in this realme or other the kinges dominions shall haue like iurisdiction
power and auctoritie at their generall sessions, and otherwise to do and
execute al and every thing and thinges in all pointes, as other iustices of
the lawe in their circuittes, or iustices of the peace in the counties by virtue
of this acte be lymitted and appointed to do and execute, for the punishment
and correction of like offenders, as by this aforesaid acte is specified and
declared. And aying to the partie grieved by such discrete such remedy by way
of action or other wise of and for the same money goods cattalles reuelles
or other thinges so obtayned, as he might haue had if this acte had neuer
been made, any thinge in the same conteyned to the contrary in any
act or statute made or to be made notwithstandinge.

That the kynges highnes counsell of his towne of Calais, oꝝ thre of
foꝝ the tyme beynge, shall haue such and like auctoritie foꝝ the examinacion
payement and punyshment of such offendours oꝝ offendours, and foꝝ such
fences hereafter to be committed & done within the towne and marches
Calais and countie of Guisnes, as the foresaid Iustices of assise, oꝝ iudges
of peace haue by foꝝce of this acte within their iurisdiction and auctoritie.

Capit. ii.

WHERE many and diuerſe towneſ and portes by the ſyde, in the countie of Kent and Souther, as well of the portes and members of the ſame portes as other, haue ſometimes paſte ben in gret welth and proſperitie, wel buylded and inhabyted with a gret multitude of people, by reaſon of bypnyng and exerciſyng the craft and feat of ſpyhynge, where the ſaid portes and towneſ were able to make amonge them ſelues a gret number of botes and ſhyppes, and alſo many good maryners to the ſaid botes belongynge, the which ſaide maryners were not onely put to the diligent labour and exerciſe of ſpyhynge, but alſo thei were put in dayly experience and knowledge of the coſtes of the ſea, as well within this realme as in other parties beyonde the ſea, by the which practiſe it was not only gret ſtrength to this realme, by reaſon of bypnyng by and encreaſyng of maryners, whe ſo euer the kynges grace had neede of them, but alſo a gret wealth to the realme, and abundaunce of ſuch, whereby our ſoueraigne lozde the king, the lozdes gentylmen and commons were alwayes well ſerued of ſpye market towneſ of a reaſonable price: and alſo by reaſon of the ſame ſpyhynge many men were made and grette riche, & many pooer men and women be

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And by their continuall bringing to the strength increasing and welth of this
 realme and by the many and divers of the said fishermen, for their singu-
 lar and advantage to lend the said craft of fishing, and be confeder-
 ated with the French, Flemings, Normans, and Frenchmen, and sometimes
 come into the coasts of Wales and Flaunders, a foultine do meete the
 said fishermen and Flemings half the sea butt, and there for they money
 and for the said realme, do marshall and by the said vessels by the of the
 same strangers amounting to the summe yerely of. *xx. m.* markes and
 more, and to sell and make their sales in others coasts and creeks within
 the realme at their pleasure, where if they did not so, the same by reason of
 the said being the same fisher men less, and sell it in this re-
 alme to the kinges subjects, much better, cheape, and for lesse money, if the
 said vessels and people of this realme wolde not regrate the said fysh: the
 which is to the great impoueryshing of the kynges people, conveying and
 carrying of the kinges coine out of this realme, contrary to his lawes and
 statutes, to the great diminution of the kynges nauy fisherboates and mary-
 nes, and also to the destructiō desolacion and bitter vndoing of such portes
 and townes by the sea syde, a depopulation of the people of this realme and
 debilitie and weakenes thereof. In consideration whereof, be it enacted
 assented and established by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spiri-
 tual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled,
 and by authority of the same, that no manner of person englyshe denyen nor
 denynge, now dwelling, or that which at any tyme hereafter shal dwell or
 shal be within any of the true portes spekes lymes or members of the same,
 or within any other place within this realme, shall from the first day of An-
 guse now next commynge, by any trewe fysh of any estrangier in the
 portes of Flaunders, Zelande, Picardy of Fraunce, or upon the sea,
 where those and those, or in any other place beyonde the sea, to put to sale
 within this realme, to any person or persons, upon paine of every person so
 doing at any tyme, to forfeite for every tyme so doing ten poundes, wherof
 one halfe to be to our souerayne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to
 the partie or parties that will sue for the same, by byl, action of det, informa-
 tion or otherwise in any of the kynges courtes, and to be tried in the countie
 first adopyng, where the byng is supposed to be made don or had, where-
 in delay longer of lawe protection nor eschewe shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that it shall be law-
 full to all and every fysher estrangier, to come and resort into every haven
 port or other place within this realme with their fish, and the same fish
 to put to sale without let or impediment of any person or persons at all ty-
 mes and as often as it shall please them.

And wherby it shal be, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall
 be taken to be in any wise hurtful to any person or persons for the byng
 or carrying purpose of scale upon the sea, or brought in any parte of beyond
 the sea, and brought into this realme to be vntred and solde, any thyng con-

elined in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

PROVIDED also, that this acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not be hurtfull ne prejudiciall to any person or persons for the buying of any hearthenge or spottes, upon the sea, or at the costes, to be bought any tyme on this side the feaste of the Purification of our lady saint Mary, whiche shall be in the yere of our lordes 499, a thousande four hundred forty and thre, any thinge in this acte contained to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

PROVIDED furthermore, that this acte or any thinge therein contained, shall not extend to any person or persons, which shall be any way in any parties of Irelande, Scotlande, Denem, Shetlande, Icelande, or Newlande, any thinge contained in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding. This acte only to endure till the latter ende of the next parliament.

An acte for folding of clothes in North

wales, a nole Capitt, murthered



HERE a certayne kynde and sorte of walthe clothes called wythes, sustettes, and hennettes, made and wrought in Northwales and Dyceberhundred, adioyning to Northwales, of long tyme haue bene and be so craftely and hand rolled to gether, that the byers therof can not perceyue nor discernethe vntreue makinge and breadthe therof, to the great hurt discreite and empowering of the kynges and louyng subiectes. For remedy wherof be it enacted ordeined and established, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, his lordes spirituall and temporell, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, that all and every the said clothes from and after the feaste of the Nativite of saint John Baptiste nexte commynge, that shall be brought to any common markettes or foyres to be bitted and solde, shall be folded either in pleightes or cuttelle, as the clothes of all other countreys of this realme commonly haue ben used and be used, to the intent that the byers therof may plainly see and perceyue the breadth, and goodnesse of such clothe and clothes that he shall bye. And that every peece of the said clothes, which after the said feaste shall be brought to any market or foyre to be bitted and solde, contrary to the forme abovesaide, shall be forfett, that is to saye, the moytie or one halfe therof to the vse of our said soueraine lord the kyng, and the other moytie therof to any of the kynges subiectes, which will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by act of dette byll plainte informacion or otherwise, wherein the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor esoyne, or any other delatoz plee admitted or allowed.

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Cap. III.

WHICH BEING COME CONCERNING PEUTERERS.
 At the parliament begun at London the thirde day
 of November in the xiiij. yere of the reigne of the kinge our so-
 veraign lord, and from thence alourned to westm. and there
 holden, & from that tyme continued by divers prorogacions
 unto the x. day of January the xiiij. yere of his moste noble
 reigne. It was ordeined and establisshed by the assent of the
 kinges maieste, his lordes spirituall and temporal, & the commons in the said
 parliament then assembled, by auctorite of the same, that no persone nor
 persons from that tyme then inhabiting, or whiche after that tyme shuld in-
 habite within this realme, shuld buye, or otherwise take by exchange for other
 wares; any wares wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this realme, of
 anye or anye such time, as platiers, bulbes, saucers, portes, balons, rures,
 dragons, gobletes, saltes, saillfellers, bagges, or any other thing made of tyn
 or pewter, as aforesaide, what so ever it were, upon paine of forfaiture of the
 same wares; in whose handes so ever it might be found or taken, & also in-
 full money current in this realme, to the full value thereof, the one halfe of
 the same forfaiture to be to the use of the kinges highnes, and the other halfe
 to be to the use of the finders of the same. And further it was enacted, that
 it shuld be lesful to the maister and wardens of the peuterers, as wel with-
 in the cite of London, as within every other cite, borough, or towne within
 this realme, where suche wardens were, & where no, suche wardens were, to
 the heed officer or gouverneur, head officers or gouvernours of the same cite
 borough, or towne for the time being, to appoint divers persons, most expert
 in knowlege of the same, to make search and seisure, & to take into their han-
 des & possession, all suche wares, as thereafter shuld be brought contrary to
 the true intente & effect of the said act, in whole, so ever handes or possessions
 any such shuld be founde. And it was also enacted by the auctorite aboue-
 said, that no person nor persons, occupieng the said craft, or occupacio of peu-
 ters within this realme, shuld set on worke, or retaine in his or their ser-
 vice any person or persons, to be his or their prentice or journey man, estranger
 borne out of this realme, upon paine to forfaiture for every such prentice and
 journey man ten poundes sterlinges: And that no stranger borne out of this
 realme, shuld occupy exercise or vie, from the feast of Michael than next com-
 ing, the said craft of peuterers, ne work any maner of vessels or other wares
 aforesaide, to be made of tyn or pewter, within any place or places of this re-
 alme, upon paine of forfaiture of xli. sterlinges, and also upon paine of for-
 faiture of the same pewter or tyn so wrought, in whole handes so ever it shuld
 be found or taken: And it was further enacted by the said auctorite that no
 person nor persons being borne within this realme, than occupieng or exerci-
 sing the said craft of peuterers, shuld fro thenceforth resort into any strange
 regions or countreys, there to be teache or exercise the said craft of peuterers,
 upon paine to lose the privilege and benefit of an englysh man. And if in case
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Any of the knyghtes subiectes, at that tyme being dwelling in any shire
 countrey or region, and there occupying the said craft of peniters, did
 repaire into this realme within the monethes next after the said
 to come to be given by writing sealed with the common seal of the shire
 of the said craft within the said city of London, and there in that shire
 annually from thens forth dwell and inhabit, that then and from thens
 he shoulde be reported and taken as no Englishman, but shoulde come
 from henceforth out of the knyghtes protection. And it was then further
 ordered, that wher soever any such disposed persons, which commonly were
 butchers by surname of the knyghtes letters patents of placards, shoulde
 only go about to place within this realme, bring bring make
 longe of brasse and peniter, and by colour and pretence of the same, to
 of placards, did not only be unlesfull and displeasable to the good
 times, but also did be to the hurt of both brasse and peniter, which was not good
 nor truly of lawfully import or brought, to the great detriment of the knyghtes
 liege people, contrary to the forme and effect of a good and laudable
 and statute, made in the fourth yere of the knyghtes said most noble reign,
 that at such licences and placards as were then had made or granted
 any such person or persons, contrary to the true meaning, forme and effect
 of the said statute, shoulde be taken thensforth by the authority of the said
 parliament clerely void and of none effect. And wher as in the said act
 of parliament, concerning the said craft of peniters and byassers, made
 in the said fourth yere, for divers causes and considerations in the same
 contained amongst other things it was expressed, that no person nor per-
 sons, shoulde the said craft of peniters or byassers, shoulde from henceforth
 sell or change any peniter or byassiers of olde, at any place or places with-
 in this realme, but only in open marketes, or in their owne dwelling
 houses, but if they were desired by the officers of such marketes, upon pain
 of forfeiture for every such default. And soe shoulde the same forfeiture
 was to the only use of the knyghtes highnes, and the parties touching of
 byng the same, was not intended to have any benefit thereby. It was not
 known, that any person or persons had taken any penites, to exercise or make
 any inquiry therof, by reason wherof divers and many raply disposed per-
 sons, than byng byng and sellng as well of byasse as peniter, and not
 regarding the said good acte, nor the said penalty, went daily about from
 village to village, towne to towne, and from house to house, to sell such pen-
 ter and byasse, which was not good, and also be of displeasable weightes and
 beames, as they did before the making of the said acte, to the great hurt and
 detriment of the knyghtes true liege people and subiectes. Wherfore it was con-
 sidered by the authority of the said parliament, that as well the moerte of the
 said forfeiture of x. li. limited in the said statute, made in the said fourth
 yere, as also the moerte of all other forfeitures and penalties, expressed and
 specified in the said actes, and every of them shoulde be to the use of the
 knyghtes highnes, his heires and successors, and the other moerte of the same for-
 feitures

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The one halfe wherof, shalbe to the kynges vse, and thother halfe to hym or them, that will or shall sue for the same, by action of det wytt byll plainte or informacion in any the kynges courtes of recoorde, In which action or sute no protection pryuilege nor wager of lawe shall be allowed nor admitted.

An acte concerning keepyng of great hoxses. Cap. v.



WHERE in the parlyament begunne and holden at Westm. the. xxviii. daye of Apryll in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our most graddde soueraigne lord, and from that day continued and prologed by diuerse prologacions to the. xi. day of May, in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of our saide most graddde soueraigne lord, and then synpshed and ended, it was ordeyned and enacted in the session of the saide parlyament, holden in the sayde. xxxi. yere of the kyng, amonges other thynges, that the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, haupnge parkes, shulde kepe mares, and synde stables for breed and encrease of hoxses for defence of this realme, after such rate and fashon, as by the saide acte is moze plainly expessed. Wythen the makynge wherof there is begun a good nuber of breede of hoxses, which by continuance is like in shorte tyme much to encrease for the sure defence of this realme, if prouision were made for the keepyng and sustentacion of such hoxses within this realme, and in other the kynges dominions, after they be bred and come to age to do service. And for as much as hoxses habile for the warres be conuenient & necessary to be kept and mainteyned by the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, haupng any dignitie estate possession or other great substance for the maintenace of the same: It may therfor please the kynges most royall maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, to ordeyn and enacte by auctoritie of the same, that euery Archebysshop and Duke of this realme, from and after the feast of saint Michael the archangel, which shall be in the yere of our lord God. M. D. xliiii. shall haue synde kepe steyne and mainteyne of their owne proper hoxses, and at their proper cosles and expenses, seuen stoned trottyng hoxses for the saddle, euery hoxse of the same to be in age thre yeres and bywarde, in height. xiiii. handfulles, conyng and accomptyng to euery handfull foure ynches of the standerde, to be measured fro the nether parte of the heare of the hough, vnto the upper parte of the wydersones, that is to saye, the upper parte of the Guldene: vpon peine that euery archebysshop and Duke, lackyng the number of the said hoxses to the aboue limited, after the said feast by the space of thre monethes, shall lose and forsaite for euery hoxse so lackyng, as often as they or any of them shal so lacke them by the said space of thre monethes. x. li. The one moytie therof to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moytie to such as will sue for the same by bylle plainte originall wytt or informacion in any of the kynges courtes, in which sutes the defendantes shall not wage their

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that any protection or eloyne shall be admitted or allowed. And
 that every Marques and Erie of this realme, and also every byshop of this
 realme, the perelle valewe of whose byshopriche is of the perelle valewe
 of a thousande pounde or above, shall after the feast of sayncte Michaele
 the archangell, have synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne of their proper ho-
 ses, and at theyr proper charges and expences, fyve stoned trotting hoxles
 for the saddle, of the age and heyght aforesayd, vpon the peyne above specy-
 fied, to be lost and recovered to the vse and in such fourme as is aforesayd
 mentyoned. And that every other byshoppe of this realme, whose byshop-
 riche is of the perelle value of a thousande markes or above: And every
 viscount and baron, hauinge landes tenementes fees, annuities or offices
 for terme of hys life, to the clere perelle value of a thousande markes or
 above, vpon life payne as is aforesayd, shall after the sayd feast of sayncte
 Michaele, have synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne thre stoned trotting ho-
 ses for the saddle, of the age and heyght aforesayd, vpon the payne
 above specified, to be lost forsaite and recovered in maner and fourme as is
 aforesayd. And that every other bishop viscount and baron of this realme,
 not aforesayd, and also every spiritual person hauinge benefices or
 promotions to the perelle value of fyve hundred markes: And every tempo-
 rall person, hauing landes, tenementes, offices fees, or annuities for terme
 of hys life, in his owne right or his wyfes, to the perelle value of fyve hun-
 dred markes, after the sayd feast of sayncte Michaele, shall have synde kepe
 susteyne and maynteyne two stoned trotting hoxles for the saddle, in maner
 and fourme, and vpon the peyne aforesayd rehearsed. And that euery other spiri-
 tual person, being vnder the degree of a bishop, hauing benefices or promo-
 tions to the clere perelle value of a hundred poundes or above, and not to the
 perelle value of fyve hundred markes: And all and euery other person tempo-
 rall, not aforesayd, whose wyfe after the feast of sayncte Michaele the
 archangell next hereafter mencioned in this acte, shall weare any gowne of
 sylke, or whose wyfe shall weare anye frenche hooche or bonet of velvet, with
 any habillment paste or edge of golde perle or stone, or any chayn of gold a-
 bout theyr neckes, or in theyr partlettes, or in any apparell of theyr bodye
 shall after the feast of sayncte Michaele the archangell, whiche shall be in the
 yere of our lord god a thousande fyve hundred fortye and fyve, have synde
 kepe susteyne and maynteyne, as is aforesayd one stoned trotting hoxle for
 the saddle, vpon the peyne that euery such spiritual person, vnder the degree
 of a bishop, hauing landes tenementes benefices or promotions to the perelle
 value of a hundred poundes, & not to the perelle value of fyve hundred
 markes as is aforesayd: And euery other temporal personne, whose wyfe
 after the sayd feast of sayncte Michaele, shall weare anye gowne of sylke, or
 whose wyfe shall weare any frenche hooche, or bonet of velvet, with anye ha-
 bilyment paste or edge of golde, perle, or stone, or any chayne of goulde a-
 bout theyr neckes, or in theyr partlettes, or in any apparell of theyr bodye,
 shall lose and forseyte for every tyme that any of theym shall wante or lacke
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by the space of three monethes, one trothinge boorded booke, of the horghe and age afore sayde, tene pounde, the one moyste thereof to the kynge, and the other to such as wyl lewe for the same, in such court as is afore mentio-
oned.

¶ And be enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that the Justices of assise, Justices of peace shall have power and auctorite within the shires, theyr auctorite to here and determine the defaults done contrary to the acts as well by presentment as information, and to makee suche proccesse upon anye presentment and information afore them, as in anye other cases of trespasses and contemptes done against the forme of anye statutes, and shall let no less time nor purre upon suche persones as shall be convicted of contemtion of this act, than is above limited.

¶ Also for the better obseruation of this acte, be it further ordered by auctorite afore sayde, that euery Shyffe in anye shyre of this Realme shall do his diligence and good endeavour, to seeke and knowe by vertue of his office, all defaults done or committed by anye person or persones, touching of doctes contrary to this acte, as shall happen within the shyre where he is Shyffe, and shall ones in the yere, that is to saye in the tenth daye of Michaele, certifie the sayde defaults, if anye be, unto the Kinges cheker, by writinge vnder his seale, to the intent that proccesse maye be made agaynst the offendours accordyngely. And that euery suche certificate of the Shyffe, shall be of as good force and effecte agaynst the offendours of this acte, as any information therof in the sayde Cheker. And in case anye shall be convicted upon anye suche certificate by confession or by accordyng to the course of the lawe, than the Shyffe makinge suche certificates, shall haue one moytie of the forfayture, and the Kinges maieste the other moytie thereof.

¶ PROVIDED alwayes, that no person shall be impeched molested or troubled for any offence done contrary to this acte by billie action, information, presentment or certificates of the Shyffe, oules that suche byllie action, information presentment or certificates be made or had within one yere after the offence done contrary to this acte, anye thinge in this acte to the contrarye hereof notwithstanding.

¶ PROVIDED alsoaies that this acte nor anye thinge therein contained shall extende to any sonnes and heyres appaunt of any Duke, Marques, Erie, Viscount, or Baron, nor to the sonnes or heyres appaunt of anye other person, havinge landes tenementes or hereditamentes to the perelpe value of five hundred markes or above, to binde or compell anye suche heyres appaunt, to finde or kepe anye hoxes by vertue of this acte in the life of the fathers, excepte suche sonnes and heyres appaunt haue landes, tenementes annuities, fees, or offices, to the perelpe value of five hundred markes, but that euerye suche sonnes and heyres appaunt, except before excepte, maye do as they did or mought doo afore the makinge of this acte, anye thinge in this acte to the contrarye thereof notwithstanding.

¶ Provided

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Provided alwaies that if any such sonne and heyre haue landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities for terme of lyfe in his owne righte, or in the right of his wife, to the cleere verely value of fyue hundred markes, that then such sonnes and heyres hauynge such landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities, to the cleere verely value of fyue hundred markes, as is aforesaide, shall kinde kepe susteine and mainteyne one trotting houle for the saddle in fourme aforesaid, vnder the paine of .xx. poundes to be lost and forfait for every thre monethes that any such sonne and heyre shall lacke and want a trotting stoned houle, as is aforesaide.

And be it provided and enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if the wife of any person or persons weare any beluet in the lpyngs or other parte of her gowne, other then in the cusses or pursles of suche gowne, or els weare any beluet in her kytell, or weaere any petiscote of sylke, that then the husbande of every such wyfe shall fynde one stoned houle of the stature above in this act recited, or shall incurre the abovesaid penaltie and forfaiture of .xx. poundes, to be leuyed and retonered as is afoze declared.

Provided also that this act or any thing therein conteyned shall not extende to charge any person or persons whose wife or wyues, shall weare any of the apparelle or thynges aboue rehearsed, duringe the tyme such wife or wyues shall be deuozed from her or their husbande, or husbandes, or shall wilfully absent her selfe from her said husband, and duringe suche absence shall weare any of the apparayle or other thynges afoze rehearsed.

Provided alwaies that heyres within age, beyng wardes, whose landes tenementes and hereditamentes amounte to the verely value of .cc. li. shall not be compelled by auctorite of this act, tyll they come to their full age to kepe any houzes, althoughe the wives of suche heyres within age weare any gowne of sylke, or any frenche hood or bonet of beluet, with any habdement of gold or edge of gold perle or stone, or any thapne of gold about their neckes, or in their parletts, or in any apparail of their body, any thyng in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that if al or any the houzes kept by vertue of this act, shall happen to be kyled maymed or lost in the seruice of the kynges warres, that then in every such case the owners of such houle or houzes, so kyled maymed perished or lost in the warres, shall haue libertie by the space of two yeres after suche chaunce of kyllinge maymyng perishing or losynge their houzes to prouide other houzes in the stede and place of the houzes so kyled maymed perished or losse in the warres, without any daignter losse or penaltie of this act, any thing in this act to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Provided also, that rare houzes or sumpter houzes shall not be take repared or reckened for any suche houzes, whiche any person is or shall be bounden to kepe by vertue of this acte.

An act conceyning collesbowes and handgunnes. Cap. vi.



WHERE in the parliament holden at Westmynster, the
 day of January, in the xvi. yere of the kinges most gracio-
 teigne, and there continued and kept until the xvi. day
 of Marche then next ensuyng, among diuers and sundry
 soine and laudable actes statutes and ordynances, one
 statute and ordynance was made and ordeined for the
 byng and esteblyng of shopyng in Crossebowes and handgunnes: the
 makynge of which act diuerse malicious and euyl disposed persons,
 onely presumyng wilfully and obstinately the violacion and breach of
 said acte, but also of their malicious and euyl disposed mindes & purposes
 haue wilfully and shamefully committed perpetrated and done diuerse de-
 stable and shamefull murders, robberies, felonies, riottes and routes
 crossebowes, lytel short handgunnes, and lytel hagbuttes, to the great
 and continuall feare and danger of the kinges most louyng subiectes
 also diuers keepers of foxes chases and parkes, as well of our sayd
 rayne lorde, as other his nobles and commons, and diuerse gentylmen
 men and seculer men now of late haue layde apart the good and laudable
 exerceise of the long bowe, whiche alway hertofore hath ben the suretie
 garde and continuall defence of this realme of Englande, and an inestim-
 ble dyed and terrour to the enemies of the same: And now of late the
 euyl disposed persons haue vled and yet do dayly vse to ryde and go in
 kynges high wayes and els where, hawing with them crossebowes and
 lytel handgunnes redy furnyshed with quarrelles gounpouder, fyre & towe
 to the great perill and feare of the kinges most louyng subiectes. For
 reformation wherof be it enacted ordeined and established by the king our
 rayne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this
 present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of this same, in maner
 folowynge, That is to say, that no person or persons, of what estate
 degree he or they be, except he or they in their owne right, or in the right
 of his or their wyues, to his or their owne vles, or any other to the vles of
 such person or persons, haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices
 the yearly valu of one hundred poun-
 deres, from or after the last day of
 next comyng, shall shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy
 hake, or vse or kepe in his or their houses or els where, any crossebowe hand-
 gunne, hagbut or demy hake, otherwise or in any other maner, than is
 after in this present acte declared, vpon paine to forfait for every tyme
 that he or they so offende contrary to this acte, xlii.

And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person
 or persons, of what estate or degree so ever he or they be, fro or after the
 last day of June, shall shote in, carry kepe vse or haue in his house or els where
 any handgunne, other than suche as shall be in the stocke and gunne of
 length of one hole yarde, or any hagbut or demy hake, other than suche
 as shall be in the stocke & gunne of the length of thre quarters of one yarde, vpon
 paine to forfait for every tyme that he or they shall shote in, carry vse or haue

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any such gunne, beinge not of the length of one hole yarde, or hagbutte or demy hake, beinge not of the length of the quarters of a yarde. x. li. sterling. And that it shall be lawfull to every person and persons, which haue landes tenementes, fees, annuities or offices, to the pecylye value of one hundredeth poundes, as is aforesaid, to lease and take every suche crossebowe, and also any handgunne beinge in stocke & gunne shorter in length than one hole yarde, and every hagbutte and demy hake, beinge shorter in length than the quarters of a yarde, or any of them, from the keepinge or possession of every such offender contrary to the foynne of this acte, and the same crossebowe or crossebowes to kepe and retayne to his or their owne vse. And also the same handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes so leased and taken, within xx. daies after the same seisure or takinge, to breake and dystroy, vpon paine of x. s. for every gun so sealed and not broken and dystroyed, and the same so broken and dystroyed, to kepe and retayne to his or their owne vse.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no pson or persons other than such as haue landes tenementes rentes fees annuities or offices to the pecylye value of one hundredeth poundes, as is aforesaid, shall or after the last day of June, shall carry or haue in his or their iourney, going or cominge in the kinges high waies, or els where, any crossebowe bent, or gun charged or furnished with poulder fyre or touche for the same, except it be in the seruice of warre, vpon paine to forfeit for every such offence. x. li. this present acte, or any thinge therein conteined to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no pson or persons from the saide laste day of June, shall in any wise shote in or with any handgunne demy hake or hagbut at any thinge at large, within any cite borough or market towne, nor within one quarter of a myle of any cytie borough or market towne, except it be at a butte or banke of erth in place convenient, or for the defence of his person or house, vpon paine to forfeit for every such shote. x. li. this present acte, or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons of what estate or degree so ever he or they be, shall from or after the last day of June, commaunde any of his or their seruantes to shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, of his or their said maiesties, or of any other persons, to any dere foule or other thyng, except it be only at a butte or banke of erthe, or in the tyme of warre, as is aboue saide, vpon paine to forfeit for every such offence. x. li. The one mortie of al which forfeitures and penalties in this present acte aboue specified, shall be to the kinge our souerayne lord, his heires and successours, and the other mortie thereof to the partie that will sue for the same, by billle plainte action of detre or information in any of the kinges courttes of recoorde, in whiche suite no foryn protection nor wager of lawe shall be allowed.

PROVIDED alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull from henceforth to all gentyll men women and seruynge

men of every lord or lordes spirituall or tempozall, and of all knyghtes esquires and gentylmen, and to all the inhabitantes of cities boroughes and market townes of this realme of Englande, to shote with any handgonne demy hake or hagbutte at any butte or banke of erth, onely in place consented for the same, so that every suche handgonne demy hake and hagbutte be of the seuerall lengthes aforesaid, and not vnder. And that it shalbe lawful to every of the said lord and lordes knyghtes esquires and gentylmen and the inhabitantes of every cite borough & market towne, to haue & haue in every of their houses any such handgonne or handgunnes of the length of one hole yerde, or any hagbut or demy hake of the length of thye quarters of a yerde, as is aforesaid, and not vnder, to the intent to vse and shote in the same at a butte or banke of erth only as is abouesaid, whereby they and every of them by the exercise therof in forme abouesaid, may the better be and assist to the defence of this realme, whan nede shal requyre, this present act or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawful to every person and persones, which dwelleth and inhabiteth in any borough, standynge and beinge set distant two furlonges from any cite borough or towne, to kepe and haue in his said house, for the onely defence of the same handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes, being of the seuerall lengthes aforesaid, and not vnder, and to vse and exercise to shote in the same at any butte or banke of erth nere to his house, and not otherwise: any thing contained in this act to the contrary not withstandinge.

And furthermore the kynges most loyng subjectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly do beseeche the kynges maiestie, that it be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all letters patentes fraternities and also all other placardes licences & byll assigned heretofore had made or signed by his highnes or by any other auctorized by his maiesties letters patentes vnder the great seale, to gyue licence and placarde to shote in crossebowes and handgunnes or any of theim shalbe from and after the saide laste daye of June frustrate void and of none effect.

And also that it may be further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said statute, made in the said. xrb. yere of the kynges most gracious reigne, and al other statutes heretofore made and provided for the auoydynge and restraint of shoryng in crossebowes and handgunnes or for any of them, or for the vsyng and keepyng of the same, be from hens forth vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

And provided alwaies, that every procelle suite or informacion conceyued or intended and now dependinge, for any offence done contrary to the content of the said statute, made in the said. xrb. yere of the kynges most noble reigne, or of any other statute, made provided for and concernynge the shoryng in crossebowes and handgunnes not repelled, and for the keepyng of the same, shalbe as good and effectual to the parties that haue comented the same, as

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shall stand and be in such full force effect degree and condition as if this Act
had been made.

It is provided also that this act or any thing therein contained, be not in any
wise hurtful or prejudicial to any person or persons now being, or that here
after shall be appointed by the hynge highnes, to kepe receyve or take any
crossbowes or handgunnes, that shal be forsaite or taken within the pre-
sent libertie of the hynge forrestes parkes or chaces, but that he or they
may lawfully kepe and retene the same crossbowes or handgunnes from
time to time, untill such time as the further pleasure of the hynge high-
nes in that behalf be to every such person shewed and declared.

It is provided also that this act extend not to the makers of crossbowes or
handgunnes, but that they may lawfully kepe crossbowes & handgunnes
buttes and demp hakes in their houses, and shote in the same, only for
joyng and assayng of them at a butte or banke of erthe in the place con-
venient, and not otherwise: so that the said handgunnes hagbuttes & demp
hakes be of the severall length in stocke and gunne, as is above limited.

It is provided also, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, extend
nor be prejudiciall to any marchantes, which have or shall have any crisse
handgunnes hagbuttes and demp hakes, or any of them, to sel with
in realme, and to none other use: so that the same handgunnes hagbut-
tes and demp hakes be of the severall length in gunnes stocke as is above
limited, and not under.

It is provided also, that no maner of persone runne in any daunger or take
by reason of any penaltie or forsaiture conteyned in this act, untill such
time as proclamation be made of the same act, within the countie, where the
offence that shal or may offend contrary to this act dwelleth, by the space of
thre monethes next after the making of the said proclamation.

It is provided also, that if any maner of person bying or cause to be brought
him into his lodgyng, or in or to any other mans house, any crossbow
or handgunne, that than the penaltie and forsaiture, if any such be or here-
after shall be forsaite by reason of this acte, to runne and be ovenly hypon
the bynnger of the said crossbowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of
the same lodgyng or house, if the said owner of the said lodgyng or house,
cause the bynnger thereof to take and to carry away the saide crossbowe or
handgunne agayne with him at his departyng: Any thing in this act made
to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that if
any person or persons, from or after the last day of June next coming, see
or know any person or persons offending or doing contrary to the forme and
effect of this acte, that than it shalbe lesul to every such person or persones,
knowyng, finding, or seeing any such person or persones so offending con-
trary to the forme of this act, to arreste and attache every suche offender or
offenders, and to bring or convey the same to the next iustice of the peace of
the same countie, where the saide offender or offenders shall be founde to of-
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tendinge. And that the same iustice of peace, upon a due examination and
prooffe therof before him had or made by his discretion, that haue full power
and auctoritie to sende or committe the same offender or offenders to the
gaile, there to remaine tyl such tyme as the said penaltie or forfeiture shal be
truly contented and payd, by the said offenders: the one moytie of the same
penaltie to be paid to the kynges highnes, & the other moytie therof to the
iustice by whiche or conueyer of the said offender to the same iustice of peace.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person
or persons do at any tyme hereafter obtaine get or purchase of the kynges
iustice, his heires or successours, any placarde licence or bill assigned, to shote
in any crossbowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake, contrary to the true
purport and effect of this present act: that then there shalbe reteneid in
such placarde licence and byll assigned, at what beastes, foules or other
thynges the said person or persons so obtaining any such placarde licence
or byll assigned, shall shote at with any crossbowe handgunne hagbutte or
demy hake: or els that every such placarde licence and byll assigned hereaf-
ter to be obtained gotten or purchased, shalbe clerely worde frustrated of
none effecte. And also that every suche person or persons so obteyninge any
such placarde licence or bill assigned, before that shote in any such crossbowe
handgunne hagbutte or demy hake in any such maner or sort as shalbe
inencioned in any such placarde licence or bill assigned, shalbe bounden in the
kynges court of Chancery by recognisance in the summe of xx li. to the
kynges vse, with and upon condicion, that he so obteyninge or hauing the
licence placarde or bill assigned shall not shote in any crossbowe handgunne
hagbutte or demy hake, at any other beastes or foules, than in any such
placarde licence or bill assigned shall be conteyned and specified, and els al such
placardes licences & bylles assigned so hereafter to be made to any person
or persons, not being so bounden by recognisance in the court of the Chan-
cery, as is aforesaid, to be utterly worde and of none effecte.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe law-
full to all iustices of the peace in their sessions, & to all stewardes & bailiffs
in their severall letes and lawdayes, to enquire here and determine every
such offence, after the said last day of June, to be committed & done contrary to
the tenour of this present act: so that alwaies no lesse fyne than ten pounds
be assessed upon every such presentment and conviction, made according to
the due course of the lawe, the same fyne so by the same Iustices of peace
upon every such presentment & conviction made before them in their sessions,
to be payd and levied ouerly to the kynges vse: and the one moytie of every
fyne to be assessed by the stewardes or baylyffes of any lete or lawday, upon
every presentment and conviction before them to be made, to be payd and
levied to the vse of the kyng our soverain lord: And of the other moytie the
one halfe to the owner of the said lete or lawday by distress or action of debt,
and the other halfe of the same seconde moytie of the same fyne, to be to the
partie that will pursue for the same: in any of the kynges courtes, by bill
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of action of dette, in the whiche none esoyne protection
nor wages of lawe shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted, that if any Jury being sworn and charged to
enquire for the king our souerayne lord, before any iustices of the peate, or
stewards of lere or lawday, of any offences committed or done contrary
to this present acte, do wilfully concele any of the same offences, that than
the said iustices stewards or bailiffes, before whom any concelement shal
be had and done, shal haue auctoritie by vertue of this present act from time
to time to charge and sweare an other Jury of xii. or mo good and substan-
tial honest persones, to enquire of every such concelement. And if any suche
concelement be founde and presented by the saide Jury so charged to en-
quire of the same, that than every one of the saide furste Jury, that so byd
knowe the same, shal lese and forsaite for every suche concelement of every
such offence. xx. s. All whiche forsaitures and penalties of xx. s. for every
such concelement of every suche offence so founde and presented before the
same iustices of peace, shal wholly be leuied and payde to the kinges vse.
And the mортie of all the same forsaitures and penalties of xx. s. so founde
and presented before the stewarde or bailiffes of any lere or lawday, shalbe
leuied and paid to the vse of the owner of the said lere or lawday by distresse
or action of dette: and the other mортie therof to be to the partie or parties,
that will sue for the same by action informacion bill or plaint in any of the
kinges courtes, In the which actions informacions billes or playntes no
wager of lawe esoyne nor protection shal be allowed.

And be it alwaies, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any
person or persons hereafter in any part do offende or do contrary to the pur-
uewe and remedy of this act, wherbyon cause of action for the same offence
shall be gyven to the kyng his heyres or successours, or to any other person or
persones that will sue by vertue of this acte for the punishment of the saide
offence or forsaites, that if the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heyres or suc-
cessours, within one yere nexte and immediatly after suche offences and for-
saites had and made, do not pursue their action or actions, so gyven by
this acte, or cause examinacion byon such defaultes and offences to be had,
and made, before their counsaile, or other presentementes therof to be had,
accoording to the meaning of the same acte: And every other person, whiche
hereafter by vertue of this acte, maye haue action or actions suite or intor-
macion bypon this statute, within halfe a yere nexte and immediately af-
ter such offences or forsaites had and made, do not commence their suites
informacion actions or presentementes of and bypon the saide forsaites by
action or otherwise, as in this present acte is lymitted and declared: that
than aswell the kyng our soueraigne lord his heyres and successours, af-
ter one yere next after suche offences and forsaites hadde and made, as noo
suite in his or their name be taken by actio or otherwise, as is before expres-
sed, before the same yere ended and determined, as every other person after
half a yere next after like offences and forsaites had and done in the fourme
aforesaid.

aforsaid, if no suite thereupon be taken by none of them, in fouene which declared, be utterly excluded and debarr'd of their said suites, actions, formations and examinations to them gyven by vertue of this said act, and the parties and every of them soo offendynge, shall be of all such offences and forfeitures therely discharged and quyte any thing in this act compysed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this present acte, ne any thing therein conteyned, shall in any wise extend, or pretenditall vnto the kynges subiectes resident or inhabytynge nere the costes of the sea in any parte of this realme, their houses beyng not a houre spue myles distant fro the same costes: Nor also to any of the kynges said subiectes, inhabytynge within .xii. myles of the borders of Scotland: Nor to any the kynges subiectes inhabytantes of the towne and march of Calyce, Nor to any of the inhabytantes of the ples of Gwerley, Gernese, Anglesey, and the Isles of Wyght and Man, but that it shall be lawfull every of the saide inhabytantes at all tymes hereafter, to have, exercise and vse their handgounnes, hagbuttes, and dempe hakes, of the lengthe abovesaid, within the lymyttes and Isles abovesaid, so that it be at no maner of deere, bearton, Mouselarde, fesaunte, partridge, wild swanne, or wyld eke, or any of them, this present acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also that this acte ne any thing therein conteyned, be in any wise hurtfull or pretenditall to any seruaunt or person, that hereafter from the sayde laste daye of June, shall vende, beate, carpe, charge, vse or assaye any crossebowe or any handgounne, dempe hake or hagbutte, of the lengthe abovesaid, by the commaundement of his lord or master, so that the said seruaunt or person, do not shote at any foule, deere, or other game: of any kinde or nature so euer they be of: nor also to any such seruaunt person or personnes, that shall after the sayde laste daye of June, beate or conuey any crossebowe, handgounne, hagbutte, or dempe hake, of the lengthe abovesaid, to any place or places by the commaundement of his lord or master, that maye shote by auctorite of this acte, to be amended, repayed, deliuered, or assayed, so that the sayde seruaunt or other personne, by byngynge or conueyinge the sayde crossebowe handgounne hagbutte or dempe hake, haue redye to shewe to every personne, requyrynge the signet thereof, one pence in wyrtynge sealed or subscribed by his sayde lord or master, to carpe and conueye the same crossebowe, handgounne, hagbutte or dempe hake, to the entente to be amended, repayed, assayed or deliuered, as is aforesaid.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not extend to any owner of any shyppe, for hauyng or kepyng of any handgounne, hagbutte, or dempe hake, of the severall lengthes in this acte expessed, of vnto only to be had and occupied within any thet shyp or other vessel, or for the carriage and recarriage of them or any of them on land.

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of bearing of them, for the onely exercise and occupying of them within their
saide shippes or vessel: Any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wyse
not withstandynge.

**An acte concernynge the conueyaunce of brasse, laten,
and bell metall ouer the sea. Cap. vii.**

WHERE IN THE parliament holden at westm, the thirde
day of November, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our soue-
raigne lord the kynge that now is, amongst other thyng-
es it was enacted, that no persone or persons shulde from
thensforth carrie or conuey any brasse, copper, laten, bell
metall, gunne metall, ne shroffe metal in to any parte or par-
tes beyonde the sea, vpon paine of forfaiture of the saide metall, as by the
saide acte moze playnely appereth. Sythe the makynge of whiche estatute
certeyn psonnes, as wel Englishe men as straungers, haue by disceyte fully
obteyned lycences of the kynges highnes, to carrie ouer bel metall, and other
broken metall, surmisyng the same metalls not to be mete for makynge of
gunnes, and other engyns of warre, nor for implemetes necessary for house-
holde, whiche surmise is proued vntrewe, as the common experience therof
welly declareth: So that all other realmes and countreys be ful of artill-
ary and munitions, and this realme like to lacke, if moze hasty remedy to
stop the conueyaunce of the same be not further prouided then is in the same
acte. Wherfore maye it please the kynges highnes, and the lordes spirituall
and tempozall, and the comunys in this present parliament assembled, and
by auctoritie of the same to enacte, that no person nor persons from hence-
forth shall carrie or conuey by water or otherwise, any brasse, copper, laten,
bell metall, pau metall, gunne metall, nor shroffe metal, whether it be cleane
or impured (tyne and leade onely excepted) into any part beyond the sea, or into
any outward realme or dominion what so euer it be, vpon paine to forfeite
the double value of the same metall so caried and conueied, the one halfe
therof to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other to the partie that
shall sue for the same by wyrt byll plainte or informacion, in the whiche no
doubte or protection shall be allowed.

AND further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, for the true mea-
suring of this estatute, that the arriuall discharge and deliuerie of the said
metalles in any parties beyond the sea, or in any other foren realme or do-
minion, shalbe tried and determined within this realme, in suche county or
place where the saide metall or mettalles were shipped or first caried, with
like proces and determination as al other informations or actions be tried
and adiudged within this realme, or as the same fact had ben done within
this realme and dominion.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person
or persones at any tyme hereafter, shall shippe or carrie any of the saide me-
talles

shall be discharged the same in any parts of this realm, oneleſſe ſuch perſon or perſons before the ſhipping thereof do declare and manifeſte unto the cuſtomer of ſuche porte or crycke, where the ſaide metall ſhall be ſhipped, the true weyght of all ſuch metall as ſhall be ſhipped, and alſo ſhall make a ſufficient obligacion in the laſte, in the which he ſhall be bounden to the ſaide cuſtomer to the kynges uſe, in ſuche ſumme as ſhall amounte to the double value of the ſaide metall ſo declared and manifeſted, with condition, that the ſame ſhall be diſcharged at ſome porte or crycke within this realme, and in no other place, upon payne to ſuffer the ſame in maner and ſortine aboue rehearſed. And that every ſuche perſon or perſons, that ſhall ſhip ſuch mettalles, and be and ſhall be bounden as aforeſaide, ſhall within eight monethes nexte after the ſhipping thereof bring a true certificate from the cuſtomer of the porte crycke or place, where he or they ſhall happen to diſcharge the ſame metall, reſſifying that the ſame metall ſo ſhipped, and the true weyghte thereof, is there diſcharged, with certificate the cuſtomer of ſuche place, where the ſaide metall ſhall be diſcharged, ſhall upon the diſcharge thereof, make and deliuer to the partie diſcharginge, or to his factours without any delay.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any cuſtomer or his deputie, by comyns or by any other vndue meane, do make any falſe, or vntreue certificate concerninge the ſaid diſcharginge of ſuch metall, contrary to the trewe meaninge of this acte, that then ſuch cuſtomer, ſo falſely or vntreuely certiffenge, as aforeſaide, ſhall loſe his office, and alſo the value of the goodes ſo concealed out of the ſaid certificate.

¶ PROVIDED alwaie that if the ſaid metall by tempeſte of wether be drowned, or by enemies or pirates robbed and ſpoyled, and that ſufficiente proofe without fraude or couyn beſore the cuſtomer and controller, or their ſufficient deputies, in the porte where the partie or parties ſo ſhipped the mettalles aforeſaide or any of them, by the ſaide partie or parties or their executors, that then he or they ſo bringinge ſuche ſufficiente proofe, ſhall haue his obligacion to him deliuered, or elles he and his executors ſhall to be acquitted and clerely diſcharged, any thinge in this acte to the contrary conteyned not withſtandinge.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that this acte ſhall only take his effect and be put in execution from and after the ſecond daye of Aprill nexte comminge.

¶ An act agaynſt conſurations, withcraftes, ſorcery, and enchauntmentes. Cap. viii.



WHERE diuerſe and ſondry perſones vnlawfully haue vſed and practiſed inuocations and conſurations of ſpirites, pretendinge by ſuche meanes to vnderſtande and knowlege ſo their owne lurre, in what place treaſure golde and ſiluer ſhoulde or mought be founde or hadde in

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of other secrete places, and also have used and decreed witchcraftes
 enchauntementes and sorceries, to the destruction of their neighbours per-
 sons and goodes: And for execution of their said false deuises and practises
 have made or caused to be made diuers ymages & pictures of men, women,
 children, angels, or diuels, beastes or foules, and also have made crownes,
 scepters, swordes, rynges, glasses, and other thinges: And gnyng faithe
 and credit to such fantastickall practises, haue dygged vp and pulled downe
 an infinite number of crosses within this realme, and taken vpon them to
 declare and tell where thinges lost or stolen shuld be become, which thinges
 can not be used and exercised, but to the great offence of goddes lawe, hurt
 and damage of the kynges subiectes, and losse of the soules of suche offen-
 ders to the great dishonour of God, infamy and dishonour of the realme.
 For reformation wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord,
 with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in
 this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if any
 person or persons, after the first day of May next comyng, vse deuise pra-
 ctise or exercise, or cause to be used deuised practised or exercised any inno-
 cations or conjurations of spirites witchcraftes enchauntementes or sorce-
 ries, to thintente to get or finde money or treasure, or to waste rōlume or de-
 mayne any person in his body members or goodes, or to prouoke any person
 to unlaifull lōue, or for any other unlaifull entent or purpose, or by occa-
 sion or colour of such thinges, or any of them, or for despite of Chryste, or for
 sake of money, dyg vp or pull downe any crosse or crosses, or by suche inno-
 cations or conjurations of spirites witchcraftes enchauntementes or sor-
 cery, or any of them, take vpon them to tell or declare where goodes stolen
 or loste shal be come: That then all and euery such offence or offences, from
 the said first day of May next comyng, shal be demed and adiudged fe-
 lonie: And that all and euery person and persones offendinge as is aboue
 said, their counsaillours abettours and procurers and euery of them, from
 the said first day of May, shal be demed accepted and adiudged a felon and
 felones. And the offender and offenders contrary to this acte, beinge therof
 lawfully conuicted before suche as shall haue power and auctorite to here
 determine felonies, shall haue and suffer such peines of death, losse and
 forfeitures of their landes tenementes goodes and cattales, as in cases of
 felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme, and also shall lose
 privilege of clergy and sanctuaty.

**An act for the maintenance of artillery, debarring
 unlaifull gaires, Cap. 1.**



Most humbly complaynynge sheweth unto your highnes how
 daily and howe the bowyers, fletcheres, stringers and arrowe
 headmakers of this your realme, that where for the aduance-
 ment and maintenance of archery, the better to be maintained
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and had within the same, and for the amoyding of diuers and many hole
full games and playes, occupied and practised within this realme, to the
great hurte and let of shotyng and archery, diuers good and lawfull sta-
tes haue ben deuised enacted & made, amongst which one was made in
parliament holden at Westmynster, in the third yere of your most gracious reigne,
and the same act made perpetual in the parlyament there holden, in the
yere of your said reigne, the whiche good and laudable acte not with-
dwyng diuers and many subtil inuentatiue and crafty persons, intending
to defraude the same estatutes, sythen the makynge therof, haue found
dayly find many and sondry newe and crafty games & playes, as lo-
gynge in the fieldes, flyde thurst, other wylle called thoue grote, as well within
the cite of London as elles where in many other and diuers parties of this
realme, keepynge houses playes and aleys for the maintenaunce therof by
wherof archery is fore decayed, and dayly is like to be more and more
minished, and diuers bowyers and fletchers, for lacke of worke, gone
inhabite them selues in Scotland and other places out of this realme, thus
workynge and teachynge their science to the puiſſance of the same, to the
comfote of straungers, and detrimēt of this realme. And where also your
graces subiectes, bowyers fletchers and other artificers afore named, from
tyme to tyme resorte repaie and come out of all places of this your realme
into the cite of London, for lacke of liuinge, and do inhabit nigh the same
cite, beinge no free men of the same cite, nor bearynge nother scot nor
other charges within your said cite, as other citizens and free me of the same
cite do and are bound to do, and by their othes are sworne to do; and which
citizens and free men of your said cite of the mysteries and craftes before
reherſed, whiche haue ben brought up as prentises from their youth, dy-
uynge within the freedom of your said cite of London, are alwayes in re-
uerſe to ſupporte your graces affayres when they shalbe commaunded by
reason of the whiche resorte and abode of such sojournes and straungers,
the mysteries and craftes before reherſed, in the suburbs stetes and lanes
of the same cite, other cities townes villages & places within this realme,
remayne and be unfurniſhed of artificers and craftes men before reherſed,
to the great decay of the archery of this realme. And so; so much as it ap-
peareth by the preamble of the said estatute, enacted the said third yere, whiche
was establiſhed and made perpetuall in the foresaid. vi. yere of your most
gracious reigne, that your highnes, callynge to your most noble & gracious
remembraunce, that by the feare and excoyle of the subiectes of this your
realme, in shotyng in longe bowes, these hath continually growen and be-
come woefully decayed this realme, and the subiectes therof, against the
malice and daunger of their outward enemies in time heretofore past,
but also with litle number and puiſſance, in regarde haue bene many
table actes and discorde of warre, against the infidels and other
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Furthermore subdued and reduced divers and many regions and countreys
 to the great honour fame and glory of this realme
 and to the terrible dread and feare of all strange nations; any
 thing to attempte or do to the hurt or damage of them or any of them: And
 under the litle archerpe, and shootinge in longe bowes, was spittell this; but
 by the decree of the decaye and abate more and more, so that muche pattle
 of the commonalte and good people of the realme, wherby of olde tyme the
 great number and substance of archers hath gotten and multiplid; were
 of power or ability to bpe them longe bowes of ewe, to exercise shootinge
 in the same, and to susteine the continuall charge therof; and also by mea-
 nes and occasion of custonable vsage of tenyns playe bowles clappe and
 other vntaiful games, prohibite by many good and beneficiall statutes, by
 assent of parliament in that behalfe prouided and made, great impo-
 uerment hath ensued, and many heynous murders, robberies and felonies
 have committed and done, and also the diuine seruice by such inuaders on
 holy and festiuall dayes not harden or solemnised; to the high displeasure of
 almighty god, as by the foresaide preamble more playnly maye appere. It
 is therefore be enacted by your highnes, the lordes spiritual and tempo-
 ral, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the au-
 thorite of the same; that every man, beyng the ynges subiecte, not lame
 or maimed, nor hauinge any other lawfull or reasonable cause of
 exemption beyng within the age of .xv. yerres (except spiritual men, iu-
 dices of the one bench and of the other, iudices of the assise; and barons of
 the exchequer) shall from the feast of Pentecoste next commynge bpe and ex-
 ercise shootinge in longe bowes, and also haue a bowe and arrowes redy con-
 tinually in his house, to vse hym selfe and to vse hym selfe in shootinge: And
 also the father gouernours and custons of such as be of tender age, do tea-
 che and bringe up them in the knowlledge of the same shootinge: And that
 every man, hauinge a man chyld or men chyldren in his house, shall pro-
 uide hym and haue in his house, for every man chyld, beyng of the age
 of .vi. yerres, and aboue, till he shall come to the age of .xvii. yerres, a bowe
 and two shaftes, to induce and leane them and bringe them up in shootinge,
 and shall deliuer at the same bowe and arrowes to the same yonge men, to vse
 and occupye. And if the same yonge men be seruantes, that then their mai-
 sters shall abate the money, that they shall paye for the same bowes and ar-
 rowes of their wages. And after all the yonge men shall come to the age
 of .xv. yerres, every of them shall provide and haue a bowe and two arrowes
 continually for him self and his proper coses and charges; & if he be the gylt-
 les possessor of his landes, and vse and occupye the same in shootinge, as is
 beforeherbed. And if the matter suffer any of his seruantes, taking wages
 being in his household, and under the age of .xvii. yerres, wth the father suffer
 any of his landes, being in his household, and under the age of .xv. yerres,
 to haue a bowe and two arrowes; contrary to the tenor of this statute,
 by the power of our moethe the lordes wherof the shertes of saynt, in whom

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such negligens shall he, shall for every such default forfeit *vi. s. viii. d.* And that every seruaunt, passinge the age of *xviii. yeres*, and vnder the age of *xxi. yeres*, and takinge wages, whiche can or is able to write, and shall lacke bowes and his arrowes, by the space of one moneth together, shall for every such default forfeit *vi. s. viii. d.*

E And it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that no man, vnder the age of *xviii. yeres*, shall shote at any standing pyrke, excepte it be for a tyme wherat he shall chaunge at every shote his marke, vpon paine for every shote to forgoe the contrary, *iii. d.* And that no other person aboue the saide age of *xviii. yeres*, shall shote at any marke of *xi. shotes* parces or vnder, with any pyrke shafte or sight, vnder the paine to forgoe for every shote *vi. s. viii. d.* And that no person, vnder the age of *xviii. yeres*, excepte he or his father, mother haue landes or tenementes to the yearly value of *x. li. or* *xx. li.* or be more mouables the summe of *xl. markes* sterling, shall shote in any bowe or whiche shall be bought for hym after the feast of the Purification of our lady next commynge, vnder the paine to lose and forfeit *vi. s. viii. d.* And also that buttres be made on this tyme the feast of saint Michael the archangell next commynge in every cite to wone and place by the inhabitants of every suche cite to wone and place accordyng to the lawe of ancient custome. And that the inhabitants and dwellers in every of them be compelled to make and continue such buttres, vpon paine to forgoe for every the monethes so lackyng *xx. s.* And that the saide inhabitants shall exercise themselves with longe bowes in shotyng at the same, and els where, in holy dayes and other tymes convenient.

AND to the intent that every person may have bowes of meane price, it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that every bowyer, dwelling out of the citie and suburbs of London, shall after the said feast of the Purification of our lady next commynge, for every bowe that he maketh of elme, make *iii. li. or* *ii. li.* bowes mete to shote in, of elme, wyche, hawthorn, ash, or other wood apte to the same, vnder the paine to lose and forfeit for every such bowe so lackyng *iii. s. iii. d.* And every bowyer, dwelling within the saide cite of London, shall after the said feast of the Purification of our lady next commynge, for every bowe of elme that he shall make, shall also make *ii. li. or* *ii. li.* bowes apte for shotyng, of ash, elme, wyche, hawthorn or other wood mete for the same, vnder like paine and forfeiture.

AND be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no bowyer shall sell any bowe of elme, for any person, beyng betwene the age of *xv. yeres* and *xviii. yeres*, aboue the price of *xli. d.* And that the same bowyers shall haue bowes of elme of all prices from *vi. d.* the piece to *xli. d.* the piece, for vntill the barrene the saide ages of *xv. yeres* and *xviii. yeres*. And likewise shall haue bowes of elme for yowthe betwene the age of *xv. yeres* and *xviii. yeres*, and shall sell the same at reasonable prices. And moreouer that no bowyer shall sell or put to sale to any the byrgen subiettes, any bowe of elme of the price called *li. s.* aboue the price of *li. s. iii. d.* vnder the paine to forgoe

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It is for every house sold to the contrary, above the said price of. lxx. s. lxx. d. as appereth by a statute made in the xiii. yers of the reigne of king Edwards the first. the fourth chapter. And that all house stainers of ewe hereafter to be brought into this realme shal be sold open and not in hundelles nor close, to the intente the buyers of them may have perfecte knowledge of the goodnes of them, and geue the better price for them, if thei be so worthie.

And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that fletcheres of London, and the suburbs of the same, may at their libertie sel seasonable number to every fletcher of the countrey, without fallinge into any penaltie or daunger to any of their wardens for so doing, and that al ordinaunces and other lawes made or to be made by their wardens or otherwys to the contrary, shal be from henceforth clerely frustrate and voyde.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the bowyers, fletcheres, stringers and arrow head makers, repairing, and resorting vnto the towne citie or the suburbs of the same, and there makinge their dwellinge or shopinge, beyng not free men of the said citie, bearyng nother scot nor los within the said citie, shal at al times, by the appointmet of your graces most honorable counsaile, the lord Chancellor of England for the time being, the lord treasurer, or the lord priue seale, or one of them, go and inhabite such cities boroughes and townes, as be destitute of such artificers, and there to exercise occupy and practyse their said trades and faculties, for the maintenance of artillery and archery. And if any such person, to whom wardynge shal be so gyven by the kinges most honorable counsell, the lord Chancellor, the lord treasurer, or the lord priue seale, as is aforesaid, to departe into other townes or places of the said realme of Englande, from the said towne of London, the suburbs stretes lanes & places nere the same, refuse to complye wth the same: that then he or thei so refusynge, shall forfeitte for everye year that he shall make his abode contrary to this acte. xl. s.

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no strainger bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, not beinge denyen, shall contrey or do to be conveyed, hye sel or exchaunge into any parties out of the kynges obeyssaunce, longe bowes arrowes or Mastes, without the kynges speciall licence, upon paine of forfeiture of the same, where so ever thei shall be taken, or the value therof, within the kynges power, and vpon paine of emprisonment without bayle or mainpryse, vnto suche time he or thei so beinge inwarde, have made a reasonable fine to the kyng for his or their offences afoze the Justice of peace, or. ii. of theim in their sessions in the same countie, where he or thei shall be committed to warde, or finde sufficiente suretie for the payment of the same fine. And that no matter of person, not beinge bozne within the kynges obeyssaunce, not made denyen, vse within the kynges obeyssaunce carrying with longe bowes, without the kynges licence, vpon paine of forfeiture such bowes arrowes and Mastes as thei shall be founden so carryinge with: and every of the kynges subiectes may haue auctoritie to take & seise the same forfeitures to his owne vse. And that iustices of assyse of gyle de-

Justices of peace, and Sherwarden of franchises leetes and tithings, haue power to enquire of all the premises in their sessions, leetes and tithings, and here and determine the same, and also by their discretions, examine all persons, lacking and not hauinge bowes, shaftes and arrowes according to the fourme aforesaid.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons, of what degree, qualite or condicion so euer he or they be, beinge least of the natiuite of saint John Baptist nowe next commynge, by himselfe, factour, deputie seruant or other person, shal for his or their game, luyng, kepe haue holde occupie exercise or maintayne any common house alei or place of bowlyng, coryng, clothe caples halles boules tennis, byssable or cardyng, or any other maner of game prohibite by any estatute heretofore made, or any vnlawfull newe game nowe inuented or made, or any other new vnlawful game hereafter to be inuented found had or made, vnder paine to forfeyt and pay for every day, keepinge hauing or mainteyning, or suffering any such game to be had kept exercused played or mainteyned within any such house gardeyne alei or other place, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, xl. s. And also every person, byng and haunting any of the said houses and playes, and there playinge, to forfeyt for every tyme so doing, vi. s. viii. d. And if any person hereafter sue for any placarde, to haue common gamynge in his house, contrary to this estatute, that then it shal be conteyned in the same placard, what game shalbe vsed in the same house, what persons shal play therat, & every placarde graunted to the contrary, to be voyde; and also that the partie obteynning any such placarde before he put the same in execution, shal be bound with sufficient suerties with him by recognisance in the Chauncery in a certein summe, to be appointed by the discretion of the lord Chauncellour of Englande, that he shal not be the said placarde contrary to the fourme therof.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull to all and every the justices of peate in every shyre, mayres, shyriffes, bayliffes and other head officers, within every city towne & borough within this realme, from tyme to tyme, as well within liberties as without, as neede shalshal requyre, to come enter and resorte into all and every houses places and alleys, where such games shalbe suspected to be holden exercused vsed or occupied contrary to the fourme of this estatute, and as well the keepers of the same, as also the persones there hauntinge resortyng and playeng, to take orest and emprison, & them so taken and arested, to kepe in prison vnto such tyme as the keepers and mainteyners of the said playes & games, haue souer suerties to the kinges vse, to be bound by recognisance or other wise no longer to vse kepe or occupie any such house playe game alei or place; and also that the persons there so found be in like case bounden by them selves, or els with suerties, by the discretion of the Justices, mayres, shyriffes, bayliffes or other heade officers, no moze to play haunt or exercise from thensforth, in at or to any of the saide places, or at any of the saide games,

Be it further enacted by the auctozitie aforesaide, that all other statutes made for the restraint of unlawful games, or for the maintenance of such as touchinge the penalties or forfeitures of the same, shall be from hence forth utterly voidbe. And that all informations plaintes actions or writtes that shalbe taken or sued upon any part of this statute, shalbe commenced within the yere after the offence committed and done, or other wise no advantage of tulle therof to be taken. And where any such forfeitures shall happen to be founde within the precinct of any franchise free or liberty, then the same to be levied by the franchisee lord or lordship, to have the one moiety thereof and the other moiety thereof to any of the bridges tubeltes tyssmills

For the same, in any of the henger courts, by action, suit, petition or otherwise, in which action or suit the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his law, nor any protection nor crosse shall be allowed, and where such forfeiture shall be founden out of the precincts of any henger court, that the moiety of all such forfeitures shall be to the henger court where founden, and the other moiety thereof to any the henger justices that will sue for the same, by bill, plaint, action, information or otherwise in any of the henger courts, in which suit or action the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his law, nor any protection nor crosse shall be allowed.

AND to the intent that every person may have knowledge of this act and avoyde the danger and penalties of the same, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all mayors, bayliffes, sherriffes, and all other officers, shall foure tymes in the yere, that is to say, every quarter, make open proclamation of this presente acte in every market to be holden within their severall jurisdictions and auctorities. And also that the Justices of gaole deliverye, assyses, and Justices of peace, do cause the same to be proclaimed in their severall circuittes and sessions before them holden, and that this estatute shall begyn to take his effecte, concerninge the penalties of the same, from the first feast of saint John Baptist next commynge, and to continue and endure for ever.

PROVIDED alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persones have taken by lease, whether it be by word, writing, or otherwise, any house, ale, or place, wherein any such unlawful game now is, and at the tyme of such lease made was used, that than any such lease shall at the libertie of hym or them, to whom such lease is made, their executors, administrators or assignes, from the said feast of the Nativite of saint John Baptist, be utterly void, except it be by breach of covenantes or agreements, or payements of rent, due to be due at the said feast, or any tyme before, so that than at the same feast, or within one moneth next after the same, the said lessee give knowledge to such lessour or lessours, their heyres or assignes, that he will no longer occupy the same, and that than it shall be lawfull to the inheretour, lessour or owner thereof, or to his heyres or assignes, in the same house, ale, or place to enter.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lawfull for every maister to licence his or their servantes, to playe at cardes, dyce or tables with their said maister, or with any other gentylman, repaying to their said maister, openly in his or their house, or in his or their presence, according to his or their discretion. And that it shall be lawfull to every such servant, for every tyme so being commanded or licensed by his said maister, as is aforesaid, to playe at cardes, dyce or tables with his said maister or other gentylman, so to him repayinge, any thing in this acte the contrary not withstanding.

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Articles concerning the execution of capital statutes. A table of Capital statutes might be

IN AS MUCH AS before this time byuers and some good lawes, statutes, pꝛouisions and ordinaunces haue bene made by the kynges, maiesty our naturall soveraygne lord and other his most noble progenytours for the increase and aduancement of the publike and common welth of this realm of Englande; and of his highnes subiectes of the same, amongst which some special notable, and profitable lawes, statutes, ordinaunces and pꝛouisions be very requysite, conuenient, and expedient for the same common welth duely and diligently to be put in payre execrecise and execution: And such as haue bene and be aucthorized to put in due and effectuall execution such special and notable lawes, statutes, and ordinaunces, and to correcte and punishe the transgressors, and contemners thereof, in the which is imputed by the same, hath ben very scrupulous and negligent in doinge their offices, to the great detriment hurt and preiudice of the common welth, for reformation wherof be enacted by the kyngs our soveraygne lord, with the assente of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, that all whosoever the iudges of peace within any shire or citie bothe by place wherof the realme of Englande, waile, or any other the kynges dominions, shall perely at the generall session of the next to be holden next after the

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In the said seuerall statutes for such offences wherof they shall be to conuict, and cause execution therof to be made and had accordingly. And also the said Iustices of peace, or two of them, at and in their said sessions to be holden as is aforesaid, shall haue power and auctorite to correcte and reforme the panelles of iuries for any inquiries to be made afoze them touching the said statutes or any of them, in like maner and founte as iustices of Gaule, shire and of peace may do in their sessions, by vertue of a statute therof made in the thirde yere of our most dread soueraigne lord the kinges reigne that now is: and that the Shyriffe and other ministers hauing power to returne panelles, shall make his and their retournes, accordyng to suche determination and correction of the Iustices aforesaid, vppon the paine lymitte by the same statute.

AND It is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if any person or personnes be conuict as is aforesaid, by any informacion afoze the said iustices or two of them, within the lymites of their diuision: that then the moztie of the peynes losses and forsaitures of money of the offendours to conuict, shalbe to the kynges maiesties vse, and the other moztie therof to the partie that pursueth such informacion, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of the said seuerall statutes. And if any conuiction be had by reason or vpon any presentment, that than the kynges maiestie shall haue the whole peynes fines and forsaitures of the offendours, all which peynes fines losses and forsaitures of money to be due to the kyng, by reason of any conuiction, as is aforesaid, together with all issues fines and amerciamentes afoze the said Iustices within the limittes of their diuision, shall be leuped by the Shyriffe or his ministers, by a scedule indented to be made betweene such Iustices or two of them, afoze whom suche peynes losses and forsaitures, fines, issues and amerciamentes shall be loste and forsaite, and the said Shyriffe, the one parte of whiche scedule shall be certified by the sayde Iustices or two of them yerely in the terme of saint Michael, into the kinges exchequer, to the intent that the Shyriffe shall there answer the same to the kynges vse.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that euery of the said iustices of peace shall haue for holdyng of euery of their said sessions, as is aforesaid. iiii. s. for their cosles: and the clerke of the sessions by them to be appointed, for the makynge and wytyng of the proccesse and ex tractes of the sessions, for euery sessions. ii. s. to be payde by the handes of the Shyriffe, of the kinges parte and poztion of the peynes losses and forsaitures and of the issues fines and amerciamentes aforesaid.

PROVIDED alwaies that Iustices of peace in cittes boroughes & townes corporate, not being Shyres or countiees of them selues, shall assemble ones in the yere with the iustices of peace of the Shyre, where such cyties boroughes or townes corporate be, and shall be lymitted to execute this act within the citie borough or towne corporate, where they shalbe iustices of peace, and not els where.

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Provided also, that no informacion or presentment shal be had or taken by the said Justices of peace, so devided by auctoritie of this acte, but for such offences defaultes or contemptes as ben or shal be done within the limittes of their division.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Justices of peace so devided, or two of them within the limittes of their division, shal have full power and auctoritie, to examine inqurye here and determine by informacion and trespas, as is aforesaid, al defaultes and contemptes, which after the feast of the nativite of our lord next commynge, shal be done or committed by any servauntes, commonly called pomen or groomes, husbandmen labourers and artificers or any of theim, against the tenour fourme and effect of the statutes and lawes made for excessive apparel, and to correct and punyssh the offenders therein, beyng therof convicted afoze them, as is also said, accordyng to such peines forfaitures and punysshmentes as is limited by the said lawes and statutes of apparell, to be leuyed payde and satisfied as is aforesaid.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abovesaid, that as well the Justices of assyse, as the Justices of Chester, and the kynges Justices of Northwales and Southwales, in al and singular their circuits, shal have full auctoritie and power by the force of this present acte, to enqurye as well by informacion as by presentment befoze them, of the defaultes contemptes omissions negligences favouris affectiouns corruptions and other thinges what so ever thei shalbe, of al and singular the said Justices of peace who shal not diligently truly and duely se put and cause the said good lawes statutes or dinances and provisions to be put in bre exercise and perfect execution accordyng to the effectes, as well of the said statutes heretofore made as of this present acte, & to here examine and determine the same, as is aforesaid, and to assesse such fines upon the said Justices of peace and upon any of them, beyng convicted of any defaultes negligences and offences, as is aforesaid, as to their discrecion shalbe thought expedient for the qualite and quantite of their offences.

And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al shyreffes bailiffes constables, hedboroughes, and al and singular other officers & ministers, what so ever, as well within shire as without, shal be attendaunt apdyng and assyng to all and singular the said Justices of peace, in and for the execution of this acte, upon payne to make suche fines as by the said Justices of peace or two of theim, shal be assessed to the kynges use by their discrecions.

Provided alwayes that this statute shal not bynde any iustice of peace or of Quorum, to assemble or execute any thinge in this acte, or in any other shyre citie borough or place, then in such shyre citie borough or place, where he shal be resident and dwellynge at the tyme when suche assemble shal be made by vertue of this acte.

Provided also that suche lordes and other, which beyng iustice of peace

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Whom he or that be of the kinges privy counsaile attendant upon his
person or any principall officer of his highnes house or court or
office and other which shall happen to be occupied in his highnes ser-
vice by his maiesties commandement, shall not be compelled to assaile with
the iustices of peace or any one in any shire, ritle, or borough, or otherwise
bounden to do or exercise by auctoritie of this acte, than that he bounden to do
in the making of this acte any thinge or thinges conteyned in this acte
to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also that the iustices of eyther bench, barons of the
kinges eschequer, the kinges attorney and sollicitour, and all other iustices
officers and ministers being bounden to attende at the termes, shall not dis-
charge their such attendaunce, be compelled to holde or kepe any sessions in
the limittes deuised to them, vpon the assemblies of the iustices of peace, as
is aforesaide.

AND to thintent that the said iustices barons and al other officers and
ministers aforesaide, maye the better be ones in the yere as maye asemble
aforesaid. It is therefore ordeined by auctoritie of this acte, that the quarters
sessions, holden after Easter, shalbe yerely kepte vpon the tuesday nexte
after the first of maye in every shire of this realme, wales, and other the kynges
dominions.

PROVIDED alwaye that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned
shall not in any wise extende to the countie Palantine of Berain, within
the countie of Northumberlande, ne to the countie Palantine of Elz, with
in the countie of Cambridge, nor to any towne corporate or libertie within
any of the said counties Palantines, hauing iustices of peace, for or con-
cerninge the extractynge, returnynge certifieng, or leuynge of any pismen
for defaultures amerçiametes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon
any person or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the said countie
Palantines or eyther of them, or within any towne corporate, libertie and
burghe within eyther of the said countie Palantines, but that the same as
the sayd defaultures amerçiametes and penalties and euery of them, maye
be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leued from time to time
hereafter in such maner and forme to all ententes and purposes, as they
and euery of them haue ben used to be assessed taxed extracted returned cer-
tified and leued at any tyme before the making of this acte: shalbe so as-
sessed taxed extracted returned certified and leued, if this sayde acte had
not ben had or made, this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned to the con-
trary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED alwaye and be stentured by the auctoritie aforesaid, that
iustices of the peace within any shire of this realme of England and wales
shall not be compelled by vertue of this acte to assaile themselves for the
execution of this acte for this present yere, before the nexte generall assises
to be holden within every suche countie, before the feast of saint Michael
the nexte yere, nor in any other tyme, but that the next assises of them shall be
compelled

Compelled upon like paine, mentioned in this acte, to attende them selves
at the said general assise for the execution of the same, for this present
only, according to the purpose, tenour and true meaning of this acte, any
thing to this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alway, that this acte by any thing therein contained, shall
nor in any wise extend, or be prejudicial, or hurtfull to the countie of Salu-
tine and Duchy of Lancaster, or any towne corporate within the same coun-
tie Salutine and Duchy, having iustices of the peace, for or concerning the
extracting, returninge, certifyinge or leuynge of any issues fines for for-
feitures amerçiauntes or penalties, to be taxed or assessed upon any person
or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the same countie Salutine
and Duchy of Lancaster, or towne corporate partrell of the same Duchy, by
vertue of this acte, but that the same issues fines forfeitures amerçiauntes
and penalties shall and may be extracted returned certified or leuied
from tyme to tyme in such maner and forme, to all iustices and portpoules,
as they haue used to be extracted returned certified and leuied at any tyme
before the making of this acte, this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the
contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alway, and be enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that all issues
fines, amerçiauntes, and forfeitures, ryngage and growynge by vertue
of this present acte, within any of the feodall liberties franchises or tempo-
rall iurisdiccions, whiche bene severally appoynted and assigned to the
clerke of the order and gouernance of the kynge our fowerthynge lordes feodall
courtes of the augmentacions of the revenues of his crowne, any of the ge-
neral Exchequours of the kynges landes, shalbe assigned and allowed and
also collected and leuied by the kynges bailiffes or other officers of the same
liberties franchises and iurisdiccions for the same kyng, and shall be
generally answered to the kyng in the same feodall courtes after and ac-
cording to such sort and order as other issues fines amerçiauntes and for-
feitures within the same feodall liberties franchises and iurisdiccions at the
present tyme here of ought to be claimed allowed and answered, any thing
in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alway, and be further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid,
that the iustices of peace in any of the Counties of South Wales and Mon-
mouthes; and Countie Salutine of Chester, according to their iurisdiction,
shall and may certifye all the Arrears by them to be made in manner and forme
as is aforesaid, to and along with the said Arrears of the same Arrears, the
cellour or chancellours, auditour or auditours, in such place or places as
by the kynges maiestie shall be desired shall be appointed or assigned for the
recovery and deteyning of the Arrears aforesaid, in any of the said Counties
in Wales, or Countie Salutine aforesaid, any thing in this acte conteyned
to the contrary notwithstanding.

WE do further alway, by this our acte or any thinge therein contained, that in
any tyme extendinge to the said countie Salutine and countie of Southham, by
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any to have corporate both in the same countie palatine or countie having
justices of peace, for any concerning the extracting retourning certifying
or leuying of any pines tyues for statutes amerciamentes or penalties to
be assessed or taxed upon any persone or persones; as any shalbe to be hol-
den within the said countie palatine or countie of Northain; or within any
towne corporate situate and being within any of the said countie palatine
or countie, but that the same pines tyues for statutes amerciamentes or pe-
nalties and every of them; may be assessed taxed extracted returned certi-
fied and leuted from tyme to tyme hereafter, in such manner and to some to
all intents and purposes, as they and every of them have ben used to be as-
sessed taxed extracted returned certified and leuted, at any tyme before the
making of this acte; or shulbe assessed taxed extracted returned certified
and leuted, if this said act had never ben had by made this act or any thing
therin contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alidates and be it enacted, that this acte or any thinge
therin contained, shall not extend to the Barons and inhabitants of or
within the same portes of their members, or to any of them, to compel or co-
taine them or any of them to assemble them selves with any the Justices
of the peace, out of their said portes or members and the liberties of the same,
or to or concerning the extracting of pines tyues for statutes and amercia-
ments, to be set lost or assessed by virtue of this acte within the liberties a-
foresaide; but that they and every of them shall and may assemble them sel-
ves together at such place and places, within their liberties, for the execu-
ting of this acte, as to them shalbe thought most convenient, and to divide
them selves after such fashion as they shall thinke best and most requirre
for the executing of this statute in this acte mentioned: And may and shal
use such pines tyues for statutes and amerciamentes, and every of them,
as shall be sette lost and assessed by virtue of this acte, in such manner and
forme, and to such uses purposes and intents, as they or any of them
lawfully shulde myghte or oughte to have hadde before the makinge of
this acte; this acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrarye not-
withstandinge.

PROVIDED alway, that this acte, or any thing therin contained, be
not at any tyme hereafter in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any persons
persones, bodies polityke or corporate, to their heires or successours, or
to the heires or successours of any of them; for or concerning any their
lawfull rightes titles interestes or claymes, or in or to any manner of pines
tyues amerciamentes penalties or othes for statutes, in any wise to be as-
sessed lost or forayed, before any justices of peace at their sessions hereafter
to be holden or kepte in any shires, citie, borough, or towne corporate with-
in this realme of Englande, by virtue or authority of this acte: But that
every such persone or persones, bodies polityke and corporate, their
heires and successours, and the heires and successours of every of them, and
their lawfull deputies in such behalfe, shall and maye at all tymes here-
after,

after assaile, take, or fraine, retourn, letre, claime, hane, and enioye all maner such yllnes, synes, amerciamentes, forfaitures and other penalties and every of them, to all such uses and purposes, and in like maner and forme in every behalf, as the lord any of them have lawfully used to doo, and have or might have done and hadde, at any tyme before the makinge of this present acte, by vertue of any graunte to them or any of them heretofore made graunted, or otherwise by vertue of any custome or lawfull usage therof heretofore used in every behalf, this acte or any thinge therein concerned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ This acte to continue to the laste ende of the nexte parliament. **¶** In acte for houghers to sell at their libertie by weight or otherwise.



No. 6. A humble witte shewen unto your highnes the lord your maistres and felowes of houghers of your citie of London, and all others the houghers within this your realm of Englande, that where in your parliament holden at Westmynster by promocioun the xxiiij. yere of your most noble reigne it was enacted ordeyned and established by your maistres, the lord your maistres and felowes, and the commons in the said parliament then assembled, and by authority of the same parliament, that every person which should sell by him self or any other the carcasses of beastes of mutton or heale, or any parte or parcel thereof, after the firste daye of Auguste then nexte ensuynge, should sell the same by full weighte, called haberdopps, and none otherwise, the said fleshe to be cut out in reasonable pieces, accordinge to the request of the byers, in like fashion, as afore that tyme was used without fraude or covyn, and that every person which should sell by him self or any other, should sell any fleshe of the sayde carcasses, should have with him where he should make sale of the said fleshe, sufficient beame scales and weightes sealed, called haberdopps, for true servinge of the byers. And that after the sayde firste daye of Auguste, no person nor persons take or cause to be taken for any pounde weighte of fleshe of the carcasses of beastes, or partes, by him or them to be solde, above the price of one hallepenny, nor for any pounde weighte of fleshe of the carcasses of mutton or heale, above the price of one hallepenny and halfe farthing, without decept or covyn, upon paine to forfait for every pounde not solde by weighte, of above the said price, by writte, and for every default done contrary to the true meaninge of the said acte, iii. s. iii. d. The one moitie thereof to lie to your highnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same by bill, plainte or information, in whiche suite none other wayer of lawe nor protection should be allowed. The heades neckes, inwardes, pottenances, legges nor feete to be accounted as parte of the carcasses aforesaide, but suche to be solde by a lower price, as by the said acte among other things

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more plainly appereth, which acte was in all thinges by your said oratours well duely iustely and truly executed according to the tenour and purport of the same. vntill your graces parliament holden at westm, by prorogacion the. xxvi. yere of your most noble reigne, at whiche tyme it was then and there, for and vpon diuers good causes and considerations, enacted ordeined and established, that from the. xii. daye of April. the yere of our lord god. M. d. xxvi. vntill the. xiiii. daye of April. whiche shuld be and was in the yere of our lord god. M. d. xl. all bolchers, and other sellynge fleshe by wayle, maye lawfully kyl and sell all maner beeste porke nutton and weale, beeste good and holsome for mannes body, at their pleasures and liberties, as frely and liberally as thei or any of them dyd or might haue done at any tyme before the saide estatute, made the. xiiii. yere of your most noble reigne, and also before any other estatute concernynge the same, made the. xvi. yere of your most noble reigne, without any losse peine imprisonment forfaiture or penaltie to be by them or any of them, or the successours of thei or any of them, had lost bove or susteyned in that be halfe duringe the tyme before rehearsed, the same estatutes or any of them to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge. And that the same estatutes and eyther of them, and every clause sentence and article in them or eyther of them conteyned, shulde be in suspence and not put in execution duringe the same tyme, as by the said acte made the. xvi. yere of your most noble reigne among other thinges more plainly appereth: whiche actes before rehearsed, concernynge the sellynge of fleshe by weyght, as is aforesaid, if thei shuld hereafter be put in execution, and your saide oratours compelled to sel fleshe by weyght, accordinge to the purport tenour and effecte of the saide estatute, made the. xiiii. yere of your most noble reigne, shulde be to the vtter vndoing of your said oratours for ever. It may therefore please your maiestie, that it maye be by your highnes, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, ordeined established and enacted, that the saide estatutes, made in the. xiiii. and. xvi. yere of your most noble reigne, maye be repelled annihilated, made frustrate and voyde against your oratours, and all other your subiectes. And that it maye from henceforth be lefull vnto all your saide subiectes to sell their vitayles from tyme to tyme by them selves their wyues and seruauntes, to all maner of persones that will bye the same, in like maner and fourme as thei might haue done before the makinge of the said estatutes or any of them, without any daunger peine penaltie or forfaiture to be hadde for the same, any thing in the said estatutes or any of them contayned to the contrary not withstandinge.

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An act for murder and malicious bloudshed within the court.



HERE treasons, misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughteres & other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is or shalbe shedde agaynst the kynges peace, ben often and many times done and committed within the pmyttyng of the kynges Pallace or house, or other house or houses, where & whan his maiestie is there demurant and abyding in his owne most royall persone, which offences whan they be done, be best known by his hyghnes officers and mynisters of his most honourable householde, and by his maiesties seruantes in his Chequer roll: And if his maiestie shall happen to remoue from suche his Pallace or house, or other house or houses, where suche offences were done, before the trespas and determination therof, than suche offences mought not lawfully be tryed here and determined by and before thesaide officers, but be remitted to be tryed and determined by the order of the common lawes of this realme, by reason wherof the punishment of the said offendours in such cases, hath ben longe delayed, and sometyme their offences for gotten and not remembred, and to escape unpunished. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soverayn lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that of treasons, misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughteres, bloudshedde, and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloude is or shalbe shedde agaynst the kynges peace, which hath ben done sence the feast of all Sainctes last past, or hereafter shall be done within any the Pallace or houses of his hyghnes or his heires, or any other house or houses, at suche tyme as his maiestie hath ben sence the said feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter shall happen to be than demurant or abyding in his royal person, shalbe from hensforth enquired of tried herde and determined within any the kynges pallaces or houses, other house or houses, where his maiestie or his heires shall hereafter repayze vnto, or be abydyng, in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to say, before the lord great maister, or lord steward for the tyme being of the kynges most honourable householde, & of his heires and successours. And in the absense of the said lord great maister, or lord steward of householde, before the tresourer and comptroller for the tyme being of the kynges most honorable householde, and of his heires and successours, and steward of the Marchalsey for the time being or two of them, wherof the steward of the Marchalsey for the time being, to be one, by vertue of their offices, without any commissiō or other auctoritie or power, other then by the auctoritie of this present act to be gyven vnto them or any of them, which steward of the Marchalsey shall be for ever from tyme to tyme assigned and appointed by wytyng under the seale of thesaide lord great Maister or lord steward for the tyme being. And whether the kynges maiestie or his heires hath,

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bathe, or at any tyme hereafter shall be removed from the pallace, house or
 houses, where suche offences were, or shall be done, or not removed before
 they be enquired of tryed harde and determined: yet suche offences shall by
 the auctoritie of this acte, alwayes from henceforth be enquired of tryed
 hard and determined before the kynges maiesties and his heyres officers &
 ministers of household before named, or two of them, as is above sayd, by
 the inquisition and verdict of his highnes and his heyres household serua-
 ntes, in his and their Chequer rolle, in maner and forme as before and here-
 after is expessed in this presente acte, and at suche pallace house or houses,
 where his maiestie or his heyres shall be at any tyme hereafter demourant
 or abydinge. And that at such retournes of proses, and all executions & iud-
 gementes concernynge the premises, shall be had and done by the officers,
 before and hereafter expessed, and in maner and forme as before and here-
 after in this present acte is conteyned. And that all inquisitions vpon the
 bieu of persons slayne, or hereafter to be slayne within any the kynges said
 pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesaid, shall be by auctoritie
 of this acte had and taken hereafter for euer, by the coroner for the tyme be-
 ying of the household of our soueraigne lord the kinge or his heyres, with-
 out any adioyning or assisting of any other coroner of any shyre within this
 realme, by the othe of twelve or mo of the yoven officers of the kynges and
 his heyres most honorable household, retourned by the two clarkes, Comp-
 trollers, the clarkes of the chequer, and clarkes marshalles, or one of them
 in the tyme beinge of the saide household, to whom the saide coroner of the
 same household shall direct his precepte, whiche coroner of our saide souer-
 aigne lord the kynges household, shall be from tyme to tyme named, ap-
 pointed and assigned by the saide lord great maister or lord steward for
 the tyme beinge, and that the saide coroner of the saide household shall from
 tyme to tyme for euer without delay, certifie vnder his scale, and the seales
 of suche persons as shall be so sworn before hym, all suche inquisitions in-
 dementes and offices vpon the bieu of all deade bodies beinge slayne at
 any tyme sythe the feaste of all sanctes aforesayde, or which hereafter shall
 be slayne within any the kynges said pallaces or houses, or other house or
 houses aforesaid, before the saide lord great maister or lord steward, and
 in his absence before the tresorer comptroller and steward of the Marshal
 for aforesaid, or before two of them, wherof the saide steward of the mar-
 shalle to be one: and that suche inquisitions and offices so certified, shall be
 demed adinged and taken for euer as good and effectuell in the lawe, to all
 iudges constructions & purposes, as any inquisition taken vpon the bieu
 of the body of any person beinge dead, by any coroner of any countie of this
 realme, hath ben or shall be adiudged or taken.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the saide two
 clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the Chequer, and clarkes marshalles, for
 the tyme beinge of the kynges saide household, and of his heyres, or one of
 them for euer, vpo a precept to them, or to any of them hereafter to be made

by the said lord great maister or lord steward, or in the absence of the said lord great maister or lord steward, by the said Treasourer and Comptroller of the kynges most honourable household, and the said steward of the Marchallsey, or by two of them, wherof the said steward of the Marchallsey, to be one, shall have full power to summe warne and retourn the names of xxiii. persons, being pomen officers of the kynges said household, and of his heires in the said Chequer roll, to inquire of suche treasons and pillions of treasons murders manslaughteres and other malicious strepynge, by treason wherof bloude is or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace, before the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence before the said Treasourer Comptroller and steward of the Marchallsey, or before two of them at the least wherof the steward to be one. And that it shall be lausfull to the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence to the said treasourer comptroller and the said steward aforesaid, or two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, before whom suche retournes shall be so made, as is aforesaid, to cause suche number of the said xxiii. persons so retourned aboue the number of .xx. persones, as to hym or thein shall seeme expedient, to enquire of suche treasons inspyacions of treasons, murders, manslaughteres, and other malicious strepynge, by treason wherof bloude is or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace within the said Ballaces or houses, or other the said house or houses, by the the said feast of all Saintes, or at any tyme hereafter shall be comitted or doone within the said Ballace or houses, or other the said house or houses. And if any person or persons be indicted by the said iury, so sworn before them as is aforesaid, or by inquisition before the said coroner of the said household, and certified before the said lord great maister or lord steward, or in the absence of the said lord great maister or lord steward, before the said treasourer comptroller and steward, or before two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, as is aforesaid: that then immediately without delaye the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence the said treasourer comptroller and steward, or two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, before whom the said presentment inquisition or indictment shall so be founde or certified by the said coroner of the said household, shall arreaigne before them all and every such person and persons so indicted, according to the course of the common lawe of this realme, and sozth with after issue loyned betwene the kyng our soueraine lord, his heires or successors and the prisoner so arreaigned, the same day and place or any other day and place, at the pleasure of the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence at the pleasure of the said treasourer comptroller and steward of the marchallsey, or two of them, as is aforesaid, shall make an other precept to the said clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the cheeke and clarkes matthalles for the tyme being of the said household, or to one of them, to summon and returne one other iury of xxiii. persons, to appeare before the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence before the said treasourer

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fourer Comptroller and steward of the Marchalſey, or befoze two of them, wherof the ſame ſteward to be one, at ſuche daye tyme and place, and vpon ſuche payne as ſhall be then limited and appointed, of the ſeruaunts and gentylmen officers of the kynges chambel, his heyres and ſucceſſours, and of the ſaid houſhold, whiche nowe take or hereafter ſhall take wages by the kynges Chequer roll. And that the ſaid lord graunde maſter or lord ſteward (if he be there preſent) or in his abſence the ſaid Treſurer Comptroller and ſteward of the ſaid Marchalſey, or two of them, wherof the ſame ſteward to be one, befoze whom ſuche lury ſhalbe ſo returned, ſhall cauſe ſu. of the ſame lury to be ſwozne without any manner of chalenge to be had or allowed for any manner of cauſe, to any of the ſaid lury (malice onely excepted) truly to try betwene our ſaide ſoueraigne lord the kinge and his heyres, and ſuch perſone and perſons, as ſhall be ſo indicted and arraigned of ſuche treaſons miſpziſions of treaſons murders manſlaughters, & other malicious ſtrikings, by reaſon wherof bloude is or ſhalbe ſhed againſt the kynges peace, or of any of them. And if any ſuche perſone or perſons, ſo indicted and arraigned, be founde gilty of any treaſon miſpziſion of treaſon murders or manſlaughters: that than all and euery ſuche perſone and perſons, ſo founde gilty, ſhall haue iudgement of lyfe and member, and ſuffer ſuche paines of death, and ſhall forſeyt all their manours landes tenementes goodes and cattails, in lyke manner and forme as if the ſame perſone and perſons had ben founde gilty of any the ſayde offences by the order of the common lawes of this realme, without allowyng to any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo founde gilty of any the ſame offences, the benefite of his or their clergy, or priuilege of any ſanctuarie. And if any perſone or perſones ſo arraigned, be founde gilty for malicious ſtriking, by reaſon wherof bloude is hath ben or ſhall be ſhedde againſt the kynges peace, within the ſaid palace or houſe, or any other houſe, or any other the ſaid houſe or houſes: that than euery ſuch perſon and perſons ſhall from henceforth haue iudgement by the ſaid lord great maſter or lord ſteward (if he be preſent) and in his abſence by the other befoze named, befoze whom ſuche perſone or perſons ſhalbe ſo founde gilty, to haue his right hand ſtrike of, befoze the ſaid lord great maſter or lord ſteward (if he be there preſent) and in his abſence befoze the ſaid Treſurer Comptroller & ſteward of the marchalſey, or two of them at the leaſt wherof the ſaid ſteward to be one, and at ſuch place and tyme as he or they, befoze whom ſuche perſon and perſons ſhalbe ſo founde gilty, ſhall appoint execution to be done, and the ſame execution to be done by ſuch perſon as the ſaid lord great maſter or lord ſteward (if he be there preſent) and in his abſence as the ſayde Treſurer Comptroller and ſteward of the Marchalſey, or two of them, wherof the ſteward to be one, ſhall name or appoint, and alſo ſhall haue iudgement to haue perpetual impriſonment during his lyfe, and ſhall paye tyme and raiſonme at the kynges maieſties pleaſure his heyres and ſucceſſours.

And for the further declaracion of the ſolemnne and beſe circumſtaunce of the

of the execution apperteynyng and of longe tyme vsed and accustomed, to
and for suche malicious strykynge, by reason wherof bloude is hath ben or
hereafter shalbe shed against the kynges peace: It is therfore enacted by
the auctoritie aforesaid, that the sergeant or chiefe surgion for the tyme being
or his deputie of the kynges householde, his heyres and successours, shalbe
redy at the place and ruse of execution, as shal be appointed, as is aforesaid,
to seare the stampe, whan the hand is so stryken of: And the sergeant of
the pantry for the tyme beinge of the said householde, or his deputie, shalbe
also than & there redy to geue bread to the partie, that shal haue his hande
so stricken of: And the sergeant of the sellar for the tyme beinge of the same
householde, or his deputie, shal also be than and there redy with a pot of
redde wyne, to geue the same partie drinke, after his hande is so stryken of
and the stampe seared: And the sergeant of the cheyfe for the tyme beinge of
the same householde, or his deputie, shal also be than and there redy with
clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupy about the same execution: And
the yoman of the chaundry for the tyme beinge of the same householde, or his
deputie, shal also be than and there, and haue in redynesse seared clothes
sufficient for the surgeon to occupie about the same execution: And the mas-
ter cooke for the tyme beinge of the same householde, or his deputie, shal also
be than and there redy, & bring with him a dresyng knyfe, and shal deliuer
the same knyfe at the place of execution, to the sericant of the larder for the
tyme beinge of the same householde, or to his deputie, who shalbe also then
there redy, and holde byright the said dresyng knyfe till execution be done:
And the sericant of the pultry, for the tyme beinge of the same householde or his
deputie, shal be also than and there ready with a cooke in his hande redy for
the surgeon to wyap about the same stampe, whan the hande shalbe so stry-
ken of: And the yoman of the Scullatry for the tyme beinge of the same house-
holde or his deputie, to be also than and there redy, and prepare and make
at the place of execution a fyre of coles, and there to make redy searpyng
pyons, against the said surgeon or his deputie shal occupy the same: And
the sericant or chief ferrour, for the tyme beinge of the same householde or his
deputie, shal be also then and there ready, and bring with him the searpyng
pyons, and deliuer the same to the same sergeant or chiefe surgion, or to his
deputie whan thei be hotte: And the grome of the salcery for the tyme beinge
of the same householde or his deputie, shalbe also than and there redy with
vineget and cold water, and giue attendance vpon the said surgeon or his
deputie, untill the same execution be done: And the sericant of the wood path
for the tyme beinge of the same householde or his deputie, shal bring to the said
place of execution a blocke with a beyll a staple & cordes to bynde the said
hande vpon the blocke while execution is in doyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or
persons so indicted of treason misprision of treason murder manslaughter
or other malicious stryking, by reason wherof bloud is hath ben or shal be
shed against the kynges peace, as is aforesaid, and therof be arraigned,
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and obstinately refuse to answer directly to the same offences, wherof he or
 they be so indicted, or if such person or persons so indicted and arraigned,
 stand mute, and will not speake, then such person and persons so refusinge
 to answer, or standynge mute, shall be convictede judged and demed guilty of
 the thing, wherof he or they is or shal be so indicted and arraigned, and shall
 have iudgement to haue lyke paynes of death and other paynes punish-
 mentes, executiones, forfeitures, losses and lures, offences, tenementes,
 goodes and cattalles for the same, as he or they oughte or shulde haue had
 for theyr like offences, if he or they were or shuld be founde guilty thereof by the
 verdict of xii. men.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the said clerkes
 comptrolles, clarkes of the chequer, and clarkes marshalles, or one of them
 for the time being, shal from tyme to tyme name assigne and appoint a criar
 to make proclamacions, and to call the iuries, and to do other thinges as
 becometh a criar of a court to do, belonging to that office.

Provided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this
 act before reherced, concernynge murther, strykes, by reason wherof
 bloude is hath ben or shall be shed against the kinges peace, ne the princes &
 forsaures before reherced for the punishment of the same, shall not in any
 wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any nobleman, ne to any other
 persone or persons, that shal happen to strike his or their seruantes within
 the said hallaces or house, or any other house or houses aforesaid, or within
 the lymettes of the same, with his or their handes or staffes, or with any smal
 staffe or sticke, for correction and punishment for any offences commytted
 and done, or to be committed and done, ne to any of the kynges officers or
 seruantes, that shal strike any persone within the same hallaces or house,
 or any other house or houses aforesaid, although by reason of the said stroke
 or strokes thet happed to be any blood shed of such persone, as shall so be
 stricken, excepte the persone so stricken do dye of the same stroke within one
 yere nexte after the same stroke so gyven.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the re-
 all of peeres of this realme for comittinge or doyng any offences in this act
 before mencioned, shall be as it hath ben vled in tymes past, any thinge in
 this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

Provided also that the lybertie and iurisdiction of the inarchalsey courte
 and circute of the viрге, shall be in all pointes priuileges and auctorities
 vled by the ministers and officers of the same, in as full and as ample ma-
 ner as it hath ben heretofore lawfully vled, for murtheres, felonies, offences,
 and al trespasses cōtractes and other supres what so ever thet be, any thing
 in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

And for as much as before this tyme one Richard Stauerton of Lincol-
 nes ynn gentilman, was commaunded and appointed by the kynges maie-
 ste to occupy the office of the Cozoner of his said house, by force wherof he
 hath continued officer in the same by the space of xvi. yeres or more: Be it
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enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Richard, Esq. shall have occupy and enjoy the said office of Coroner duringe his life, together with all such profits and commodities as before this tyme have ben due and pperceyvinge in any wise to the same. And after his decease the said Coroner always to be made assigned and appointed by the said Lord great master or lord steward for the tyme beinge.

AND so, that hereafter it mighte be doubted, howe far the limittes and boundes of the sayde house or houses shoulde extende or be taken within which limittes or boundes any the saide offences, which have ben committed or done sith the said feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter, shall be committed or done, for the whiche all and every persone and persons so offending, shulde have and suffer the prynces penalties and forsaithures, as is aforesaid: for plaine declaration therof, and for the adjoyndinge of all doubtes and questions, which may hereafter happen to arise of for or upon the same. Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the limittes and boundes of the said house and houses, within whiche any the offences aforesaid, have ben committed or done sith the said feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter to be committed or done, shall be punished as is aforesaid, shall extende and be taken within these places, ensuyng, and in none other, that is to say: within any edifices, courtes places, gardenes or chardes, or howses, within the porters warde of any of the house or houses above rehearsed, or within any gardenes, priory walkes or chardes, tyllardes, woodyardes, tennis places, cockespyghtes, boulunge alenes, nere adjoyninge to any of the houses above rehearsed, and beinge parte of the same, or within two hundred footes of the standarde of any outwarde gate or gates of any of the houses above rehearsed, commonly used for passage out or from any the house or houses above rehearsed.

PROVIDED alwaies that this act shall not take effect, or be put in execution tyll from and after the fiftie daye of May nexte ensuyng, excepte onely for murders and manslaughter, for the whiche offences of murder and manslaughter, the same to take effect from the feast of all Sainctes last past, according to the tenour and effect of the saide acte.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte before rehearsed concerninge malicious stryknges, by reason wherof bloude is hath ben or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace, ne the peynes and forsaithures before rehearsed for the punishment of the same, shall not in any wise extende or be prejudicial or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other persone or persons, that shall happen to strike his or their sernantes within the said palaces or house, or any other house or houses place or places aforesaid, or within the limittes of the same, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe or sticke, for correction or punishment, for any offences committed and done, or to be committed and done, ne to any of the kynges officers or officers, that in executing of his or their office shall strike any person or persons, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe

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of strokes, or with any staffe commonly called a try staffe within the same palace or house or any other pallaces or houses or places aforesaid, ne to any other person or persons, that in doing service at any triumphe or any other time of service by the kinges commaundment, or of any his graces counsell, or other his graces head officers, shall happen for their executing of their said service, to strike any person or persons, with his or their handes or stiles, or with any small staffe or sticke, or with any staffe commonly called a try staffe, within the same palace or house, or any other pallaces or houses or place or places aforesaid, although by reason of the same stroke or strokes there happen to be any bloude shed of such persone as shall be so stricken, excepte the persone, so stricken do die of the same stroke within one yere next after the stroke so given.

And also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall from the first day of Aprill next commyng, steale or feloniously take away any plate jewels or other goodes of our said souerayne lord the king his heyres or successors kynges of the valour of xli. d. or above, or breke or enter in to any the kinges houses, to thintent to steale any the kinges goodes his heyres or successors kynges, though his maiestie be absent, or any other house, whyle it shall forwile the same his maiestie to be lodged or abydinge therein, every such offence to be deemed felonye, & the person or persons so offendyng, their abettours, procurers, counsellours, and receptours, therof lawfully convicted, to suffer like penalties forfaiture penies of death, as appertaineth to felons, without having the benefite of their clergy of sanctuary, and every such offendour, beyng apprehended within the verge of the kynges house, to be arraigned and tried by men of the countrey, as other offendours for offences done within the verge, before the Sheriffe of the saide Marches, and other unto him associated, are to be arraigned and tried within the same precinct.

An acte concerning certayne lordshippes translated from the countie of Denbigh, to the countie of Flint. Cap. xiii.



Where in the parliament holden at westm in the. xxiij. yere of the reigne of our souerayne lord kyng Henry the. viii. that now is. It was amongst other enacted, that notwithstandinge. viii. countie dayes in one yere, and. ii. countie dayes an other yere, were before that tyme holden and kepte within the countie Palantine of Chester, before the Justices of the same countie, that from that tyme furthward the saide iustices shulde holde and kepe but onely two sessions every yere within the same countie, the one wherof to be kepte after Michaelmas and the other after Ester. And that from thensforth all the said countie dayes shulde clerely cease and determine for ever, as by the same acte at large more plainly appereth. And as much as within the same countie Palantine it hath not ben used nor

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that the Shyriffe of the same county hath kept any Shyre court for determination of plaintes, & callinge of exigendes, as is commonly vled in other Shyres of this realme, there was therfore neuer sychen the makinge of the said acte and exigende of felony or other cause proclaimed within the said county, to the contrarye by the Statute of Justice, and to the great boldenes of offenders. For reformation wherof be it enacted by the kynge our soueraine lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that the Shyriffe of the said county to the tyme beinge, after the feastes of Colledge & cominge, shalbe bound to kepe his Shyre court in the Shyre hall of the said county every moneth for ever, for determination of plaintes and actions vnder, xl.s. and for proclamacions and callinge of exigendes and other necessary causes, as is vled in other Shyres of this realme of England. And that if here coroners for the body of the said Shyre, shalbe electe & chosen by vertue of the Statute byt. De coronatore eligendo, to be awarded out of the electors of Cheshire, which coroners shalbe bound to sit with the same Shyriffe at the said courttes, to geve iudgementes vpon vtilaries, and to do all other thinges as appertyneth.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the said sessions, in so me aforesaid to be holden within the said county, shalbe holden at such tyme & places as by the said iustice or his deputy shalbe appointed, as well before the said feastes of Easter and Michaelmas as any other tyme, according as is most commonly vled in other Shyres of this realme, so alwayes open proclamation be therof made by the space of x. daies at the least, before the first day of the keepinge of the same sessions.

And where the lordshippes towne and hamlettes of Hoppe and Duns House of olde tyme be reputed accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the countie of Flynte, and soo haue bene continued vntill now of late, by an acte of parliamente made in the xxvii. yere of the reygne of our most dreadde soueraigne lord the kynge's maiestie that now is, the same were assigned to the countie of Denbigh. And also where parcell of the parishes of Hawarden is at this daye and of olde tyme hath ben, accepted, taken and vled as parcell of the said countie of Flynt, and the residue of the said parishes of Hawarden is and alwayes hath ben without the precinctte lymities and iurisdiction of the same countie: Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that as well the said lordshippes towne and hamlettes of Hoppe and Duns House and the residue of the parishes of Hawarden, together with the lordshippes of the same, as also the lordshippes towne and parishes of Holdsworth, Merselode, and Dolep, and all the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the precinctte and lymities of the same, or any of the same, shalbe from henceforth be reputed, accepted, taken and adioyned to be within the said countie of Flynt, as a member parte and parcell of the same countie of Flynt, and not of, nor within any other countie of Shyre, any statute, ordinance, law, or custome heretofore had or vled to the contrary therof in any

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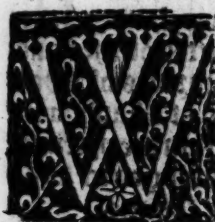
And not withstanding, being by us, our lieges, and our successors, and our
 appointed attorneys that the inhabitants and tenants; of the sayde
 hundredes, townes, hamlettes and parishes of Hoppe, Maph, Golde-
 vale, Hereforde, and Hawarden. Shall paye thei mylles, and tallages
 and other charges the same that be due, with the inhabitants of such
 tithes of mylles as before tyme hath ben accustomed. And that the said lord-
 ships of Hoppe, Goldevalle, Hereforde, Desepe, and Hawarden, with the
 and entire parishes of Hawarden, and all the groundes, landes, tene-
 ments, and hereditaments within the precincts and limites of the same,
 shall from henceforth be called taken and accepted the hundredes of Gol-
 vale in the countie of Flint. And that the said lordship of Maph, with
 the groundes landes tenements and hereditaments within the precincts
 and limites of the same, shall be taken, accepted, and adjudged to be as
 one and parcell of the hundred of Ruthlande in the same countie.

And an acte concerninge false prophecies upon declaration
 of names armes or badges. Cap. xiii.

WHEREAS diverse and sundry personnes making their con-
 vairs by prophecies, have taken upon them a knowledge
 as if were what that becometh of them, which beare in their
 armes cognisances or badges, fildes, beastes, foules, or
 any other thyngs of thynges, whiche hath ben used or ac-
 customed to be put in any of the same, or in and upon the
 letters of their names haue thereby defamed and practi-
 sed to make folke thinke, that by their badenages is myght becomen,
 and good or evil thynges should come happen or be done by or to such per-
 sons, as bare and had such armes badges or cognisances, or had such let-
 ters in their names, to the great perill and distraction of such noble person-
 nes, of whom such false prophecies hath or shal hereafter be set forth,
 whereby in times past many noble men have suffered, as if their power wolde
 any case thereto might happen as hereafter. For remedy wherof be it
 enacted by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and
 temporal, and the commons of this present parliament, that if any person or
 persons print or write, or his speake thyng or declare to any other person, of
 the kyng, or of any other person, after the last day of July next cominge,
 any such false prophecies upon occaions of any armes fildes beastes foules
 or other such like thynges, accustomed in armes cognisances badges or
 letters, or by reason of letters of the name of the kyng, or of any other
 person, to content to set forth such prophecies: that than every such offence
 shall be deemed felony, and the offenders therein, and their countenours
 and abettours and every of them, being thereof convicted by the order of the
 common lawe, afore sayd as have or shal have power and authority to hear
 and determine felonies, shall suffer the paynes of death, forfeiture of
 landes

landes tenementes goodes & cattalles, as is cases of felony at the common lawe is determined and appointed, without privilege of clergie or sanctuary to be allowed to them or any of them.

In an acte touchynge the translation of sainctuary from Manchester to westcheſter. Cap. xv.



WHERE at the parliament begun at Westm. the xxiii. daye of April, in the xxiii. yere of our ſoveraigne lordes the kynges moſte noble and victorious reygne, and there continued by divers prologations unto the xxiii. daye of Maye, in the xxiii. yere of the reygne of our ſaide ſoveraigne lordes the kyng, and holden unto the xxiii. daye of July, in the ſaide xxiii. yere, as whiche daye the ſaide parliament was by his graces auctoritie finiſhed and ended. At whiche ſaide parliament amongeſte many other thynges by his highnes, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituell and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, it was enacted, that the towne of Manchester in the countie of Lanc. amongeſt other townes and places from thenſforth ſhuld be admitted allowed and taken to be ſainctuary, and a place of privilege and tuition for terme of lyfe, of all and ſinguler offendours and malefactours, of what ſo ever qualitie kynde or nature all and every their offences be, for the whiche ſaide offences and crimes the peines and punyſhment of death ſhuld enſue by the ſtatutes, lawes and cuſtomes of this realme, other then ſuch as by and in the ſaid acte of parliament be expreſſed and ſpecified. And wher the ſaid towne of Manchester is and hath of longe tyme been a towne well inhabited, and the kynges ſubiettes inhabitants of the ſaide towne well ſet a worke in makinge of clothes, as well of linnen as of wollen, wherby the inhabitants of the ſaide towne have obtained gotten and come unto riches and health by lynnages, and have kepte and let many artificers and poore folkes to worke within the ſaid towne, and by reaſon of the great occupying good order ſtraies and true dealinge of the inhabitants of the ſaid towne, many ſtrangers, as wel of Ireland as of other places within this realme, have reſorted to the ſaide towne with linnen parne, woles, and other neceſſary wares for makinge of clothes, to be ſold there, and have bled to credit and truſte the poore inhabitants of the ſaide towne, which were not able to had nor redy money to pay in hande for the ſaide linnen woles and wares unto ſuche tyme the ſaid creditees with their induſtry labour and peines might make clothes of the ſaide woles parne, and other neceſſary wares, and ſold the ſame, to contente and paye their creditees, wherby hath conſiſted much of the common welth of the ſaid towne, and many poore folkes had lynnage, and children and ſervantes there herewith broughte up in houſe and true labour, out of all ydelnes. And for as much as it was ſeene the ſaid linnen parne muſt ſee without as wel in the night

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as in the day continually for the space of one halfe yere to be whited, before it can be made clothe, and the wollen clothes there made must hange upon the tapster, so be dyed before it can be dressed up, and for the faultregard therof it is and shal be expedient and necessary, that substantial honeste iust true and credible persons be and shuld dwell in the said towne, and no manner of lighte persone or persons there to be inhabytauntes. And where also many straungers inhabytyng in other towneshippes and places, haue bred customably to resorte to the said town of Manchester, with a great number of cottons, to be uttered & solde to the inhabitantes of the same towne, to the great profit of al the inhabitantes of the same, and thereby many poore people haue ben well set a worke, as well with dressing & felting of the said cottons, as with puttyng to sale the same. And for asmuch as diuers light and well disposed persones, syns the makinge of the said statute, for certain offences by them committed and done, haue nowe of late resorted and made their abode within the said towne of Manchester, and lyued in ydelnes, not only gnyng euill occasion to honest and true labourers and setuantes, within the said towne to lyue in suche sorte of ydelnes, but also haue allured and emplyed diuers setuantes and labourers, within the said towne, to playe & vse vnlawfull games, wherby they haue consumed and mispente their masters goodes being in their handes; and ouer that syns the resorte of the said persones to the saide towne, there hath ben committed and done diuers feltes and felonies, as in felonious breakyng of walke mylles, and stealing clothes thither brought to be fulled, and also in stealing of each lard out to be whipted, and in stealing and caryng downe great peeces of clothes from the teryntours, as well by nyght as by daye, to the great impoverishment of the owners therof, so that they be not able to kepe their credits and their said creditours, by reason wherof the said Jeynemen and other, whiche heretofore haue vsed to byng and sell their wolles yarne and other necessary wares for making of clothes, to the inhabitantes of the said towne, and to credite them for the payement therof, as before is expessed, do nowe withdraue them selues with their saide wares, and will not byng nor sell the same wares in the saide towne, nor to the inhabitantes therof, without payement in hande; and the saide persones whiche vsed to byng the saide cottons, do also withdraue them selues, whiche shall be to the great decay and defolacion of the saide towne within short tyme, if the saide stendours and sanctuarie men and suche other, shall be suffered to make their abode within the saide towne. And also forasmuche as the saide towne of Manchester is not walled, wherby the saide sanctuarie men may or can easily be kept in the nyght season, but that they maye and doo continually strafe out of the same towne by nyght, and commit sundry great robberies and felonies upon the kynges housinge and obedient subiectes, repaynyng to the same towne, and after their saide felonies and robberies too committed may without any let of wall or fortresse enter into euery parte and quarter of the same towne. And also for as muche as there is neyther

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Wherby the bayliffe nor other heade officer or officers within the same towne, other then a stewart being officer immediately vnder the chiefe lord of the same towne, by reason wherof or by whom the saide sanctuary men in no wise be the more in dread or better punished, after their saide robberies or euill doinges, nor yet any prison house or layle lawfully to kepe them in, after their saide offences and euill doinges. wherfore be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that the said former act of parliament, concerning the priuilege sanctuary and tuition for the saide offendours onely within the saide towne of Manchester, shall and may be from the feast of the natiuite of saint John Baptiste nowe nexte commynge, repelled, adnichilate, and made frustrate. And the saide towne of Manchester from the saide feast of saint John Baptiste, shall be of like condicion estate and qualite discharged of the said sanctuary and priuilege, as the same towne was before the making of the said former act, any thing sentence clause or article conteyned in the said former acte, to the contrary not withstandinge.

AND that it may be ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that the cite of westchester, in the countie of Chester, whiche is well inhabited, hauing no such trade of marchaundise, and hath a stronge layle within the same cite, for punishment of malefactours, and also there is in the same cite a mayr, bayliffes and other head officers, amongst other townes and places from henseforth may be admitted allowed and taken to be sanctuary, and a place of priuilege and tuition for terme of yere of all and singular offenders and malefactours, of what so euer qualitie kynde and nature al and euery of the saide offences be, for the whiche saide offences and crimes, the peines and punishment of deathe shulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other than suche as by and in the said acte of parliament be expressed and forpysed.

PROVIDED alwaies, that this act or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extend to repell adnichilate or make voyde the saide former acte of parliament made in the said. xxiiij. yere of our said soueraigne lord the kyng, concerning any sanctuary or priuileged places, limited in the saide former acte, other than onely the saide towne of Manchester.

AND be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the constables of the saide towne of Manchester, for the tyme being, takinge and associatinge with them, twenty of the inhabitants of the same towne by their discretions, shall haue the saufe conduction leadinge and bringyng of al sanctuary men, nowe or hereafter before the feast of the natiuite of saint John Baptiste next commynge, beinge in the said towne, to conducte leade and saufe bringe from the said towne of Manchester, to the foresaide cite of westchester, there to remaine as sanctuary men, and to be deliuered to the

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mayre and Shyreffes of the said cite of Wexchester, by indenture to be made betwene the foresaide constables and the said mayre and Shyreffes there for the time being, in whiche indentures shal be compyled and specified the names of all such saintuarie persones as shall be so deliuered: that the said saintuarie persones and euery of them shall be in all places meane betwene Manchester and Wexchester, in the time of their said conduction leadinge and bringyng from Manchester to Wexchester, as thei and euery of them had ben and remained saintuarie persones in Manchester foresaide.

PROVIDED althare and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if hereafter vpon any reasonable matter or cause, it shall appere to the kynges maiestie by informacion or otherwile, that the saide cite of Chester is not mete to be saintuarie, nor for a place of priuilege and tution for the saide offendours and malefactours, as bene aboue remembred, or for suche lyke of their condicions: that than it shall be lawefull to the kynges hyghnes, by his graces proclamacion, to extinct and determine the said saintuarie within the saide cite of Chester, and clerely to discharge the saue cite thereof: and ther vpon to apoint ordeine and make one other towne or place to be saintuarie, and a place of priuilege and tution for the saide offendours and malefactours, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

An acte for woystede yarne in Northfolke.

Cap. xli.



WHERE as for the most parte in all the shyres and countie of this realme of Englande there be and haue bene certayne priuate commodities, growynge and ryllynge onely within the saide shyres or countie, by the whiche onely commodities politikelly provided for and contynued, the cyties and townes within the saide shyres and countie, and the inhabitants of the same, be and haue ben without any foreyn ayde or succour plementously and welcholy kept mainteyned defended and preserved: al whiche commodities by the discreite and subtil practises, as wel of marchantes straingers as of diuers other couetous and euill conscioned persons, haue ben and be many times clerely destroyed and subuerted, to the great losse & decay as well of the saide citie and townes, within euery suche shyre and countie, as of the inhabitantes in the same: Amonges the which said citie townes shyres and countie, haupng priuate commodities, the cite of Northwyche and diuers other, and many townes in the countie of Northfolke hath ben alwaies heretofore kepte preserved and mainteyned, and the poore men and other dwellers and inhabitantes in the same, godly honestly and vertuously brought by occupied and exercised, by a commoditie growynge and ryllynge onely within the said countie, that is to saye, by the makynge and weayng of woystedes & other clothes, whiche hath ben made and wouen of the yarne callyd woystede yarne, spounne of the woulle growynge and comyng of the

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These breed onely within the countie of Northfolke, and within the countie of
 And for as much as the said countie of Northfolke, and countie of Northfolke, by the
 discrete and crafty persons of the great multitude of labourers and dwellers
 of the said countie, called worsted parne, is holly decayed and taken away
 from the said dwellers and inhabitants in the same countie and countie, that
 is to saye, in that that the said labourers do use the said parne by many
 parcels of many men, and after that they haue so by their and by their bought
 a great quantite of the same parne, do not cause it to be wouen or other wise
 wrought in the said countie or countie, but do sell sende and carry away the same
 parne out of this realme of Englande, into France, Flaunders, and into
 other lyke places beyond the sea, where with the said parne, strangers not
 being borne vnder the kynges dominions, do make and weaue sayes, tussles
 les worsted, and diuers and sundry other clothes and thynges, the whiche
 after they haue so made and wouen, the said strangers do sell againe to
 vs Englishmen within this said realme of Englande, to their great profit
 lucre and aduantage, and to the decay and destruction of the said countie
 moditie: by reason wherof the said countie of Northfolke, and other the said counties
 in the said countie of Northfolke, are not only most likely to be brought to utter
 ruine and decay, & the poore men and other dwellers & inhabitants of the
 same, whiche haue ben heretofore set on worke, kept, and mainteyned onely
 by the said countie moditie, and by the said countie, but also are very like to
 be left destitute & vnsupplied of a lyminge, or any manner of arte or occupa-
 tion, by the which they shall be able within the said countie or countie to acquit
 to them selues their wyues and children by honeste way and trade to lyue.
 Be it therfore ordeined and enacted, by the assente of the kynges most royal
 maiestie, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this
 present parliament assembled & by autoritie of the same, that no person or
 persons from henceforth shall bye ne cause to be bought within the said countie
 of Northfolke, or countie of Northfolke, any parne called worsted parne, the whiche
 shall be spoile within the said countie or countie, but onely such person or per-
 sons, being weaues, or other artificers, the whiche shall weaue or other wise
 worke, or cause to be wouen or other wise wrought the said parne to bought
 within the said countie and countie, in the said countie of Northfolke, or some other
 market towne or townes or els where within the said countie of Northfolke, vpon
 the paine of forsaithinge for every pounde weight of parne, called worsted
 parne, so bought within the said countie of Northfolke, or countie of Northfolke, & not
 wouen or other wise wrought within the said countie or countie, as is aforesaid
 xli.s. the one halfe thereof to our soueraigne lord the kyng, & the other halfe
 to hym or them that shall so take the said parne, or sue for the same by bill
 plaine informacion or other wise, in whiche sute none esoyne protection ne
 wager of lawe shall be allowed or admitted.
 And be it further ordeined & enacted by autoritie aforesaid, that if any
 person or persones do from or after the firste daye of Aprill nexte ensuyng,

shipp to carrie by conuey, or causes by shipped to carrie by conuey into the parties beyonde the sea, or elles to carrie by conuey of carres to be caried and conueyed into the parties beyonde the sea, any pannels called woffe be pannels not bought or made in cloth, so luche pannels shal be made within this realme of England, that than euery person and persons, so shipping conuey- inge or cartenge, or cartying such pannels to be shipped caried or conueyed shal forsaite for every pounce of woffed pannels shipped conueyed or caried, the one halfe thereof to be by the lordes of the shipping, the other halfe vnto him or them that will sue for the same in any court of record by information byll plaint or other wise, so that as the wages of lawes shal be protection shall be allowed. This acte to continue and endure vnto the laste day of the nexte parliament.

An acte for confirmation and continuation of certainne actes. **Capitulum** **de** **confirmatione** **et** **continuatione** **certarum** **actuum**



WHERE in the parliament begun and holden at London, the thirde daye of November, in the first yere of the reigne of our moste grasse lordes the kyng and the quene, the eighth and tenth yeres of the said lordes reigne, the same holden and continued by the lordes of the shipping, vntill the dissolution thereof an acte was made and established, declaringe and constitutinge as well howe aged, poore and impotent persons, compelled to lorde by almes, should be blyssed and used, and also howe vagabondes and mighty stranges beggers should be whipped and punished: And at the saide parliament one other acte was made and established, for the restraint of carpenge and conueyng of horses and mares out of this realme: And also at the saide parliament one other acte was made and established for punishment of wastefullnes, as emptyng a ffauces or a ffayres vpon any the inhabitants of the shire of Gloucester, or Shropshire, whiche saide thre seuerall actes were also made to endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliamente, as by the same thre seuerall actes more plainly appereth: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament for the reue makinge of cables, hannes and ropes: And also one other acte for the reue wyndyng of wolles: And one other acte to restrayne kyllinge of wastefullnes, bullockes, heeres, or helles, beyng under the age of two yeres, whiche saide thre seuerall actes laste before remembred were than made to endure and continue vnto the nexte parliament, as by the same thre seuerall actes more plainly appereth. And where also in the saide parliamente, one other acte was made and established for the attaintes to be felow for the punishmente of perjurye vpon vntrewe verdictes: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliamente concernyng the wyng of flaxe and hempe, all whiche saide two seuerall actes laste before referred were than made and ordeyned

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ned to continue and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliament, as by the same two severall actes more plainly at large is shewed and may appere. And where also in the saide parliament one other acte was made and established for making of lawes in diuers shires of this realme, which same acte was then made to continue and endure for one yere nexte after the ende of the same parliament, as by the same acte also more plainly appereth. And where also in the parliament begonne and holden at westmynster, the viii. daye of June, in the xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide moste gracious soueraigne lord the kyng Henry the viii. and there continued and kepte vntill the dissolution thereof. It was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singular the saide severall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the laste daye of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned, more plainly appereth. And where also in the parliamente begonne and holden at westmynster, the. xxviii. daye of Apryll, and there continued vntill the. xxviii. daye of June, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our saide moste gracious soueraigne lord the kyng Henry the eighth, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite of the same parliament, that all and singular the saide severall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions, in them and enery of them conteyned, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the last daye of the next parliamente, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned more plainly appereth. And where also in the laste Session of the same parliamente, begonne at westmynster the. xii. daye of Apryll, in the sayde. xxxi. yere of the kynges moste noble reigne, and there by diuers prorogacions continued, vntill the. xxiii. daye of Iulie, in the. xxxii. yere of our sayde soueraigne lord the kynges reigne, there was one other acte made and established for and concernynge the reformation of mispleadinge, lawyers, and attourners, whiche same acte with the prouiso therein conteyned, were made to endure vntill the laste daye of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte and prouiso amonges other thinges therein conteyned, more plainly appereth. And for as muche as all and singular the saide severall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the common welthe of this realme. Be it therefore enacted and ordeined by the auctorite of this present parliamente, that all and singular the saide severall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shall continue and endure in their force and strengthe, and be obserued and kepte in all thynges vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliament.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that it shall not be lesfull to any persone or persones, at any time hereafter, to water any maner of hempe or flaxe in any ryuer runnyng water streyke brooke or other common ponde, where beastes be used to be

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matred but onely on the grounde of pyttes for the same ordeyned, and to be ordeyned made and provided, or els in other their owne severall bondes, upon paine every person and persons, offendynge or doynge contrary to the tenour meanyng and purpoise of this estatute, to lose and forfaiture for every tyme so doynge. xx.s. the one halfe therof to be to our soueraygne lord the kynge, and the other halfe therof to be to the party greued, or to any other the kynges subiectes that will sue for the same forfaiture in any court of recorde legall or lawe daye, by action of dette, byll, playnt, information or otherwise, in whiche suppe no protection, wager of lawe, essoyne, or other delayatory plea, shall be admitted or allowed.

An acte for trewe makynge of kerseyes. Cap. xliii.



HERE AT a parlyament holden at London the. iiii. days of November, in the. xxi. yere of our moste dread soueraygne lord the kynges moste gracious regne that now is, and from thens adourned to Westmynster, and there contynued by sundry prorogacions vnto the fourthe daye of February, in the. xxvii. yere of his saide graces regne, it was ordeyned and enacted in the sessyon of the said parlyament, in the said. xxvii. yere amongest other thynges, that after the feast of saint Michael the archangel nexte, enseluyng after the makynge of the saide acte, every clothier within this realme, shulde sette his scale, or leade vnto every clothe and kersey that shulde be redy made and dressed to be put to sale, in whiche scale of leade shulde be conteyned the true and iust content of the lengthe of every of the saide clothes or kerseyes, as it shulde be detwely founde by every byer of the same, upon due prouise therof to be tryed by the water. And in case by any such prouise to be made by any byer of them at the water, there shulde be founde lesse and smaller contente in lengthe, than shulde be conteyned and specified in every of the said scales, that than every suche clothier, makynge suche defaulte, shulde lose and forfaiture vnto every such byer of the same, the double value of so muche clothe as shulde wante or lacke of his saide contente in length, at the onely sight and iudgement of any two indifferent persons, that shulde measure the saide clothes and kerseyes. And furthermore it was enacted by the saide acte, that every kersey, so to be put to sale, shulde conteyne in bredthe one yarde withyn the lyfte, bypon due prouise therof to be tryed by the water, upon paine to forfaiture for every suche kersey, lackynge of the saide content in bredth. xx. d. as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned more at large it is expessed and maye appere. And whiche saide acte if it shulde be put in execution, shulde not alonely growe and be to the great losses and behaue of the kynges highnes customes, but also to the great hynderaunce hurt and impoweryment of the kynges lounge and obedient subiectes, and specially of those inhabytyng within the countyes of Berke, South, Dorsetshyre, Surrey, Suffe, and Yorkshyre, where

whiche there are a great number of course kerseys made, beinge of the value of xxij. s. the piece, or therabouts: whiche kerseys are made of course wolle and are commonly solde for xx. d. or xxij. d. the yarde coloured, of which course sorte of kerseys there are commonly made in the saide counties five hundred against one fyne kersey, by the makynge and workynge wherof a great number of the kinges subiectes are sette a worke and gette their livynges, whiche course kerseys are vtyered into the farrre parties beyond the sea, and fewe or none vtyered in this realme, and haue not ben vtyed like the remembrance of man to be made of such content in byrdthe, as is limited in the saide estatute, for that the wolle and yarne, wherof the saide kerseys are made, be of such kyndes and properties, as well by reason of the courtnesse of the wolle, as also for the manyfolde difference of sundrye spynnynges of the same, and for diuers other consideracions, the kerseys therof made can not be so certeinly wroughte, as the same shoulde and might kepe any tyme of iuste certaintie of lengthe or breadthe throughtye, whan it shall come to the water, although the workers and makers of the same do put therunto the best of their forces and diligence, as by experience & pfofe therof hath bene betwely psoned, and is nowe righte well perceyved: by occasion wherof the makers and workers of suche course kerseys shoulde be compelled eyther to forsake their mysteries of makynge of suche course kerseys, wherby many thousandes persones dwelling within this realme, and specially within the counties aboue reherced, now haaving good and competent livynges shoulde be vndercupted and falle to podelties, or els to incur the daunger & penaltie of the saide estatute, by their vtyer vndoyng.

¶ For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the kyng our soveraine lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from henceforth it shall & maye be lefull to all and every of the kinges subiectes, to make, worke, and put to sale at their lybertie and pleasure, all maner of suche coloured kersey & kerseys, which shall be solde at or for xx. d. or xxij. d. the yarde or vnder, and not above, of suche lengthes and breadthes as they did might or were woulde do before the makinge of the saide acte, made in the saide xxvij. yere of our said soveraigne lord the kynges reigne, or any other acte, without incurring or running into any daunger or penaltie for the same, the saide acte made in the saide xxvij. yere, or any thing therein contented, or any other acte or statute made to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Provided alway, that all maner of kerseys to be made wrought and put to sale within this realme, of the colours of blacke, marble, russet, and white (which said colours be comonly solde and retayled within this realme) shal be made of suche content in breadthe, as is limited in the said former acte, vpon paine in the same former acte contened, any thing in this present acte compained to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ AND IT IS FURTHER enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all and every person or persons, whiche shall make or worke any kersey of

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of the prices above rehearsed, or vnder, that at all tymes hereafter from tyme to tyme, make the same kerseys trewely, without decepte, and that they or any of them do not shall falsely or vntrewly make or stoppe any maner of kerseys with flockes thymmes or other decepuable thynges or thynges, to the decepte of any person or persons, nor shall by colour of any libertie to them given, or other matter comprised in this estatute, make woike and put to sale any coloured kersey or kerseys of the prices above rehearsed, which shall contayne any lesse in bredthe than thre quarters of a yarde and one naple within the lyfte, to be tried at the water, vpon peine to forfait for every kersey so falsely made or stopped with flockes thymmes or other decepuable thynges or thynges, to the decepte of any person or persones, .xx.s. and vpon peine to forfait for every suche coloured kersey of the price above rehearsed to be made and put to sale, not contynnyng .iii. quarters of a yarde and one naple in bredthe within the lyfte, to be tried at the water as is aforesaid, .xx.d. the one half of which forfaitures to be our soueraine lord the king, and the other halfe thereof to be to him or them that will seue for the same in any of the kynges courtres of recorde, by action of dette byll-plainte or inforaciō, wherein the defendante shall not be receyued to wage his law, nor any esloppre or protection for such defendante to be allowed.

PROVIDED alway that the said former act, made in the said. xxviii. yere and all clauses & articles in the same contened (other than concernyng the bredth of coloured kerseys of the prices afoze rehearsed) shall stande and be in their full strengthe and effecte, and be kepte and observed accordyng to the tenour and purpoyse of the same acte.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctoritis aforesaid, that the aynager of every countie shall and maye lefully seale every of the same coloured kerseys of the prices above said, in like maner and fourme as he or she should or mighte haue done, if the said former acte had neuer bene had or made.

Provided also, that none of the said kerseys of the prices afoze limited, nor any other kersey or brode clothe, made within this realme to be vttered and solde, shall be put to sale befoze that they and every of them shall be sealed by the aynager with the kynges seale, as hath ben accustomed.

An acte expoundyng a certayne statute concernyng shyppyng of clothes. Cap. xij.



HERE in the parliament begun and holden at London the thirde day of Nouembze, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste graddde soueraigne lord, kinge Henry the eighth, and from thense adourned to westm. and there also holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vnto the .iiii. day of february, in the xxviii. yere of our said soueraigne lord the kynges reigne, and there then holden vntill the dissolution thereof, It was by

by act of parliament ordeyned and established, that every white wollen
clothe sold for. xiii. s. and under, and every coloured clothe sold for. xiii. s.
and under, might be carried and conveyed into the parties of beyond the sea
there to be sold at the pleasure of the buyers of the saide clothe and clothes
unbarbed, unbarbed and uncoloured, any act or acts to the contrary made or
to be made. And by the same act it was further enacted, that if any per-
son or persons did sende or convey or cause to be sent and conveyed in to the
parties beyond the sea, any white wollen clothe above the value of. xiii. s.
or any coloured clothe above the price of. xiii. s. uncoloured unbarbed and un-
barbed, in other forme then is above mentioned, that then the person or
persons so offending shall forfeit the value of the saide clothes so carried
and conveyed in to the parties beyond the sea, the one moiety of the same
to be to the use of our said sovereign lord the kinge, and the o-
ther moiety to any person whiche shall or shall see by bill writt or otherwise
against any person for the same, and the defendant in any plea upon any
such suite or action be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or
essoigne for any such defendant be allowed in the same, as by the same act
more plainly appereth. Upon the interpretation and expoundinge of the
said wordes within the said act diversitie of opinions hath of sen emong
some persons, that if any person or persons sende or convey, or cause to be
sent or conveyed towards the parties of beyond the sea, any white wollen
clothe, above the value of. xiii. s. or any coloured clothe, above the value of
xiii. s. uncoloured unbarbed or unbarbed, whether the same clothe too sent or
the value thereof be forfeited, before the same clothe be carried and conveyed
into the parties of beyond the sea, for a plaine declaration of the premises
be it ordeyned and enacted by the authority of this present parliament, that
no person or persons from henceforth shall carry or convey, or cause to be car-
ried in any ship bote coage or vessel any white wollen clothe, above the va-
lue of. xiii. s. or any coloured clothe above the value of. xiii. s. uncoloured un-
barbed or unbarbed, to the intent to be conveyed in to the parties beyond
the sea, upon paine of forfeiture of the same clothe or clothes, or the value
thereof, the same forfeiture to be redemed in such manner and forme as is
above mentioned.

**Acte for due proces to be had in high treasons, in cases
of madness or madness. Cap. ii.**



THAT AS muche as sometime some personnes being ac-
cused of high treasons, haue after they haue bene examined
before the lordes of the high court of consistie, confessed they
were guilty of the treason, and yet after the be-
ginning of the treasons, and examinations and confessions
thereof, as is aforesayd, haue fallen to madness or lunacy,
whereby they can by no means be examined of the treasons, were they never so
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notable and detestable, hath ben defected, spured and delayed, and whether
 these madnes or lunacy by them outwardly shewed were of such nature
 as cannot be counterfayted, it is soeinge almost impossible to knowe
 by iudgement of try. Be it therfore enacted by authority of this present parlia-
 ment to aduise al sinister counterfeits and false practices and imaginations
 that maye be used for excuse of punishment of hygh treasons, in such ca-
 ses where they be done or committed by any person or persons of good per-
 fect and hole memory at the tyme of such theire offences, that if any person
 or persons haue done or committed, or hereafter shall do or committe any
 hygh treasons when they were in good hole and perfecte memory, and as
 to their accusation examination and confession thereof, before any the kynges
 maiesties counsaile, shall happen to fall to madnes or lunacy, that per-
 son the lesse, if it shall appere by the testimony of foure of the kynges
 counsell or mo, that such persons at the tyme of doinge theyr treasons, and
 at the tyme of their accusation, examination, and confession thereof, were of
 good perfect and hole memory, and than not mad nor lunaticke, then when
 that tyme fallen to madnes or lunacy, and to certified into the kynges Cha-
 ncer by writing subscribed with the names of foure of the saide counsell or
 mo, that than in every such case the kynges maiesties commission of oyer
 and terminer of the treasons, shalbe aduised out of the said Chan-
 cer by his highnes great seale, into such lyce and place, as to such persons, as
 shal be the kynges most loyal maiesties to liue and appoint, in which
 commission shalbe specially mentioned and expressed the names of such per-
 son or persons, who shall happen to be accused and examined or examined
 by any the kynges maiesties counsaile, as is aforesayde, and an expresse
 mention, that by the testimony of foure of the kynges counsaile, such per-
 son or persons so accused or examined of treason, were of good perfecte and
 hole memory at the tyme of committinge their offences, and at the tyme of
 their accusation examination and confession thereof, and that sythen that
 time they be become mad or lunaticke. By vertue of which commission the
 commissioners, bymitted by the same commission, shall haue power and au-
 thoritie to enquire of the treasons, done by such persons, by the inhabita-
 nts or freeholders of the shyre where such commission shall be directed to,
 where so ever the saide treasons were done or committed. And if such per-
 son or persons aforesayde, shall happen to be indicted of hygh treason, than
 the saide commissioners, without the personall apparance or arraignment
 of such person or persons to anyed, shall cause the shryffe or his mayo-
 r, or other hauing authoritie to returne procelle in such cases, to returne
 a panell before them of sufficient and lawfull freeholders of the shyre, where
 such persons shalbe indicted, for the trial of theyr treasons conspyred in
 their indictment. And after the returne of the panell, and apparance of the
 jury, the saide commissioners in the absence of the saide person or persons
 indicted, being mad or lunaticke, without any arraignment answer or plea
 of the indicted, shall were, try, or such of the sayde iurye as shall be re-
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turned before them to trie whether the person or persons indicted be guilty of
 the treasons contained in the indictment, or of any of them (or may be guilty)
 causing only hindertment to be added to the said jury, and after the jury
 dyngetherof, cause and suffer upon evidence to be given to the jury, and
 for the jury, as for the partie touchyng the treasons conteyned in the in-
 ditement, as to their discretions what seme convenient. And upon the jury
 shall be bounden to give their verdict accordyng to their evidence, and if
 the persons indicted had be present arraigned and pleaded to the same: And
 if it shall happen such person or persons so indicted, to be found guilty by the
 said jury so charged to trye such treasons, that then the offenders of such
 treasons, so found guilty shall have such ingement, and suffer such pyns of death,
 forsaithures of landes goodes chattels and all other thynges, as is commonly
 limited in cases of highe treason; and as if such persons had ben of good
 and hole memory, and personally present arraigned and pleaded to their in-
 ditement, and had ben found guilty thereof, their madness or lunacy, or their
 absence non arraignment, or not pleadyng to the saide indictment, in any
 wise not lettynge nor withstandinge. **PROVIDED** alway and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if
 any of the peeres of this realme shall happen to be accused & examined of high
 treason before any the kinges counsaile do confesse the same, and afterwarde
 fall to madness or lunacy, as is aforesaid, that then such treasons done and
 committed by any peere of the realme, and by him or her confessed upon ex-
 mination thereof before any of the kinges counsaile, as is aforesaid, and
 their confessions, if they can write, subscribed with theyr names, shall be
 enoughe of by vertue of the kinges commission of oyer and terminer, to
 be awarded in maner and fourme above rehearsed. And if they shall happen
 to be indicted of high treason, by vertue of such commission, yet nevertheless
 their triall shall be alwaies had by their peeres, before the high steward of
 england, to be assigned by the kinges highnes. And that the high steward
 to be assigned by the kinges maiestie in every such case, shall have the record
 of the indictment brought to him, and shall cause to be summoned, to appeere
 before him, the peeres of the realme, as hath ben accustomed, at a day and
 place by the said high steward to be limited, at whiche day & place the said
 high steward, after the apparance of the peeres before him, hauyng the re-
 cord of the saide indictment before him, shall in the absence of the person
 indicted, whiche shall happen to be madde or lunaticke, as is aforesaid, and
 without his or her arraignment, or pleadyng to the indytement, cause the
 said indictment to be red to the peeres, and in their presence cause to be de-
 clared by his discretion all maner of evidence & wytnes touchyng the trea-
 sons conteyned in the said indictment, and afterward charge the said peeres
 upon their faithes, and dueties of allegiance, that they owen to the kinges
 maiestie, to trye whether the person indicted be guilty of the treasons contey-
 ned in the indytementes, or any of them, or not guilty. And if they shall finde
 him or her guilty: that then such iudgement execution and forsaithures shall
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he had made and done, as if suche person indicted had ben of good memory; and personally presente arraigned and pleaded to the same indictment; and had ben found guilty of the treasons therein contained, the madnes or lunacy of such persons in such cases as is aforesaid, not withstandinge.

AND be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, shal happen to be attainted and convicted of high treason, by auctoritie of parliament, or by the due course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, and afterwar des fall to madnesse or lunacy, that yet neuerthelesse they shal haue and suffer execution, their madnes or lunacy not withstandinge. And that if any person or persons shal be attainted of hyghe treason by the course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, that in euery suche case euery suche atteynder by the common lawes shalbe of as good strength value force and effect, as if it had ben done by auctoritie of parliament: And that the kinges maiestie his heires and successours, shal haue as muche benefite and aduantage by such atteynder, as well of hys rightes entrees condicions, as possessions reuercions remainders and all other thynges, as if it had ben done and verlated by auctoritie of parliament, & shalbe demed and aduaged in actual and real possessions of the landes tenementes hereditamentes hys goodes cattalles, and all other thynges of the offendours so attainted, which his highnes ought lawfully to haue, and which thei so being attainted, ought or might lawfully haue and possesse if the atteynder had ben done by auctoritie of parliament, without any office or inquisition to be founde of the same, any lawe statute or vse of the realme to the contrary therof, in any wise not withstandinge. Saving to al and euery person and persons, and bodres politike, and their heires assignes and successours, and euery of them, other than suche person and persons, whiche hereafter shal be attainted of high treason, and their heires and assignes and euery of them, and all and euery other person and persons, clayminge by them or any of them, or to their vses, or to the vses of any of them, after the said treason committed, all such right tytle yle possession entrees reuercions remainders interestes condicions fees offices rentes annuities commons leases and all other commodities profits and hereditamentes what so euer thei or any of them shulde might or oughte to haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had he made.

**An acte concernyng the atteynder of the late quene
Katharine and her complices.**

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N THEIR moste humble wille beseechen your moste royal maiestie the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and all other your moste loyng and obedient subiectes the commons of this your moste high concle of parliament assembled, that where beydes any manners expectation suche chaunce hath happened by matters kathesin Howard, whiche your high-

nes take to your wife, bothe to your maiestie chiesly, and so consequently to vs all, that the like we thinke hath scarce be sene, the lykelyhoodes and apperances being so far contrary to that, which by euident and due proufe is now found true. First that it wyl please your maiestie to take it in suche parte, as therby aryle not to vs all a greater inconuenience, whiche is the trouble of your hart, and vniquietnes of your mynde: for that shoulde be a shewing of that which we all shulde repent and most desyre the contrary. Secondly that it wold please your maiestie to pardon all your louyng subjectes, which syns these matters came to their knowlege, haue detested and abhorred her for this facte, both in word maner and dede, and of wordes bitered by them of her and her adherentes not mainteynable in your lawes, consydering that they dyd and do it ouely for the great zeale and loue that they beare to your maiestie, and the abhominacion of the detestable facte. Thirdly that sins it pleased your maiestie vpon those lykely outwarde apperances, to take the saide maistres Katherine Howard to your wyfe, and Queene, of your most excellent goodnes, and for a godly purpose, and also moste liberally to endue her with great possessions for the maintenaunce of the same, thinkinge and takinge her at that tyme to be chaste, and of pure clene and honest luyng, the contrary wherof is now duely proued, both by her owne confession, and others also. And that also she after the marriage betwene your maiestie and her, toke moste trayterously to her seruice the same person, with whom she vled that vicious lyfe before, whose name was Fraunces Dereham, and vled hym in many secreete conferences and messages after as by his confession and attaindour doeth moze plainly appere. Callinge also to her seruice in roume of Chamberer a woman, whiche was pryncipall to her naughty lyfe before, wherby she hath shewed a great apperance and in maner a due proufe of wyl to retorne to her olde and abhominable life with the foresaid person. And yet she not satisfied with these abhominable carnall delyses, the ende whereof haue perillous it was and myght haue bene to your maiestie and persone, were harde to expresse, hath also syns that tyme most traytorously confederated her selfe with the lady Jane Rocheforde widowe, late wyfe of George Boleyne knight late lord Rocheforde, to bringe her vicious and abhominable pourpose to passe with Thomas Culpeper esquier, late one of the gentylmen of your graces pryue Chamber, by whose meanes the Quene brought to passe, that the said Culpeper and she met in a secet and vile place, and that at an vndue houre of a leuen a clocke in the night, and so remayned there with hym tyll thre of the clocke in the morning, none being with them but that baude the lady Jane Rocheford, by whose meanes Culpeper came thither, and there thei all the and at other conferences together after ward, most falsely and traytorously committed and perpetrated many detestable & abhominable treasons, to the most feareful perill and daunger of the destruction of your moste royall persone, and to the bitter losse dishonour and desolacion of this your realme of England, if god of his infinite goodnes hadde not in due tyme brought the

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said treasons to lyght. And for whiche treasons beyng manifestly and
 plainly proued, as well by the confession of the sayde Queene and other the
 said parties, as by diuers other wytnesses and protes, the sayde Fraunces
 Dereham and Thomas Culpeper haue ben lausfully and truly, and accor-
 dyng to the lawes of the realme conuicted and attaynted: And the sayde
 Queene & Jane lady Rocheford be lausfully indicted, in so muche that Tho-
 mas Culpeper & Fraunces Dereham haue iustly suffered therfore peynes
 of death, accorpyng to their merites, as by the recozdes therof moze plainly
 at large may appere. It may therfore please your highnes, of your most ex-
 cellent and accustomed goodnes, and for the entirc loue sauour and hartly
 affection, that your maiestie hath alwaies heretofore bozne, and yet beareth
 to the comimon welth of this your realme of England, and for the conserua-
 tion of your most excellent highnes and posteritie, and of the good peace vi-
 nitye and rest of vs your moste bounden and obedient subiectes, to graunt
 and assent at the moste humble desire and petition of your louing and obe-
 dient subiectes, the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and comons in this pre-
 sent parliament assembled, that this their lawful inditementes and attain-
 dours, of such as haue lately suffered, may be approued by the auctoritie of
 this present parliament. And that it maye be enacted, that the said Queene
 Katherine, and Jane lady Rocheforde, for their saide abhominable and de-
 testable treasons by them and euery of them most abhominably and traite-
 rously comitted and done against your maiestie and this your realme, shal
 be by the auctoritie of this present parliament, conuicted & atteinted of high
 treasons, and that the same Queene Katherine, and Jane lady Rocheford &
 ether of them, shal haue and suffer peynes of death, losse of goodes catals
 bntes fermes and al other thinges, as in cases of high treason by the lawes
 of this your realme hath ben accustomed granted and gyuē to the crowne.
 And also that the saide queene Katherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas
 Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham and euery of them, shal lose and forfait
 to your highnes and to your heyyes all suche rightes title interest, vse and
 possession, whiche they or any of them had the. xxv. daye of Auguste, in the
 xiii. yere of your reigne, or any tyme lithens, of in or to all suche their ho-
 nours manours meales landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders
 vles possessions offices ryghtes conditions, and all other theyr heredita-
 mentes of what names natures or qualities so euer they be, and that all su-
 che rightes title interest vse and possession, which they or any of them had, or
 ought to haue the said. xxv. daye of Auguste, or any tyme lithen, of in
 to the same honours castelles manours meales landes tenementes rentes
 reuercions remainders vles possessions offices rightes comodities and he-
 ditamentes, by the auctoritie aforesaid shal be demed vested and iudged
 to be in the actuall and reall possession of your maiestie, without any office
 or inquisition therof hereafter to be taken or foude, accorpyng to the comon
 lawes of this your realme: Saving to euery person and persons, & bodies
 politike, and to theire heyyes assignes and successours and euery of them.

other than the saide Queene Katherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas Culpeper and Fraunces Dereham, and theyr heires, and euery of them hereafter claymynge the pzemysse, as heyze by oꝛ from them, oꝛ by oꝛ from any of them, and all and euery other persone and personnes, claymynge by them oꝛ any of theym, oꝛ to theyr vles, oꝛ to the vse of any of them, oꝛ to the vse of any of theyr sayde heyzes, all suche ryghte, tyle, vse, possession, intereste, reuersion, remainynder, entrees, condycion, fees offices, rentes, annuities, commones, and all other comodities and hereditamentes, what so euer they oꝛ any of theym myghte coulde oꝛ ought to haue hadde, if this acte hadde neuer ben hadde ne made. And fourthely foꝛ as muche as these foresayde moste abhomynable and detestable hygh treasons haue so much touched the perill of your most royall person, the danger and trouble of this your hole realme, and in respect therof it were requisite that condigne punishment shulde be had and spedely pꝛouyded foꝛ the reste of theim, whiche yet haue not suffred, and not to be delayed noꝛ pꝛotracted, to thende oꝛ pꝛozogacion of this pꝛesent parliament, whiche is most chieffly called and sunmoned foꝛ other generall causes and matters foꝛ the welthe of this realme. Therfoze your most humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and comons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, most humbly besech your most royall maiesty, that whan thei, with one assent be agreed & accorded vpon this act, foꝛ that it shulde not be requisite to trouble your maiestie foꝛ accesse in your moste royall person to the vpper house, to assent to the same, noꝛ conuenient that your maiesties royal assent shuld be pꝛotracted, to the ende oꝛ pꝛozogacion of this parliament, that than it may please your maiestie, foꝛ example of spedely punishment of such detestable and abhominable treasons, to graunt your moste royall assent to the said act by your letters patentes to be signed with your most gracions hand and to be put vnder your great scale of Englande, and so to be notified and published in the higher house to the lordes spirituall and tempozal, & poꝛ comons of this parliament there to be assembled foꝛ that purpose, and after that to be and stande as a perfecte acte, and to be put in due execution accordingly with couentent spede. And fiftly where also Agnes Duches of Norfolk widow, and Katherine countesse of Bridgewater, laife of the right honorable Henry erle of Bridgewater, haue ben lafully truly & accordyng to the lawes of this realme indited of misprision of high treason, foꝛ the cencelyng of the first detestable and abhominable treasons, and yet not arraigned ne attainted of the same, that thei now may be by acte of parliament convicted and attainted of the same. And that seynge the lordes William Howard, the lady Margaret Howarde his wife, Edward Walgraue, Katherine Tyney, Alyce Kestwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampourt, William Cilney, Margaret Bennet, and William Alsheby, were & be of the said misprision of high treason already convicted & attepnted by the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme, as by the recordes therof most playnely at large appereth, that this their iuste conuiction and attayndment

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may also be approued by act of parliamēt. And that the said Agnes duchess of Norfolk, Katherine countesse of Bridgewater, lord William Howarde, lady Margaret Howard, Edward walgraue, Katherine Cplney, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampport, Walyne Cplney, Margaret Benner, and Wyllyam Acheby and euery of them shall lose and forseyte to your hyghnes all theyr goodes cattails leases for yeres, money plate Jewels and dettes, and haue imprisonment of their bodyes durynge theyr lyues: And also that all their manours meases landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes shalbe sealed remayne and continue into your majesties handes durynge their natural lyues, if their titles and interestes so longe endure. And that your highnes shalbe answered of the rentes reuenues issues and profites therof, from the first daye of Octobze, in the xxxiii. yere of your reigne, durynge theyr saide lyues, if their titles and interestes so longe endure. Sauinge to al and euery person and persons and bodys politique, and to the heyres successours and assignes of euery of them, other than the said Agnes duchess of Norfolk, Katherine countesse of Bridgewater, lady Wyllyam Howarde, lady Margaret Howard, Edward walgraue, Katherine Cplney, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampport, Walyne Cplney, Margaret Benner, and Wyllyam Acheby, all suche right title vse possession interestes fees offices rentes annuities commons and all other hereditamentes comodities and profittes, what so euer they or any of them mought shulde or ought to haue had in or to the pzeimises, if this act had neuer bene had nie made.

¶ Therefore be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual & tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctozitie of the same, that al thynges contained by expresse wordes in this their foresaid petition, concernyng or touchyng treasons or misprisions, or dependyng vpon them, or longyng to them, shall stand in full force of an acte, accordyng to their moste humble request and petition, any former act made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And ensuynge the foresaid petition, concernyng the kynges royall assent to be done and had by the kynges letters patentes, to be assigned with the kynges hand, and sealed with his great seale, as is aforesaid, and to auoyde all doubtes and ambiguyties hereafter touchyng the same: Be it declared by auctozitie of this present parliament, that the kynges royall assent by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, and assigned with his hand, and declared and notified in his absente to the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and to the commons assembled together in the high house, is and euer was of as good strength and force, as though the kynges person had ben there personally present, and had assented openly and publykely to the same.

¶ And be it also enacted that this royall assent and al other royall assentes hereafter to be so gyuen by the kynges of this realme, and notified as is aforesaid, shalbe taken and reputed good and effectuell to all ententes and purposes without doubte or ambiguite, any custome or vse to the contrary not

not withstandynge.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al and every person or persons, which haue not only by their wordes spoken uttered and published, but also in their dedes done deuised and set forth by wrytynges al that thei coulde for byngyng this high treason of the said Queene and her complices to light, and also to seke & serche al due meanes for condigne punishment to be had for these horrible and detestable treasons, misprisions and offences afoze reherced, or otherwise haue spoken detested and abhorred her said abhominable offences, shall be clerely pardoned acquitted and discharged for the same against the kynges highnes, his heires and successors for ever.

And although it were not conuenient, that suche a freedom and liberte were gyven to subiectes, without good groude, thei might secretly murmur seditious slander openly defame their Queene and maistres: so also were it vnmete and daungerous to the surety of our soueraigne lord and kyng (beyng a iuste cause) to be construed by any lawe, to kepe it & concele it from him or some of his counsaile, which of duety bothe shuld and ought shoulde after to notice the same vnto him: Therfoze be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it shall be lefull for any of the kynges subiectes and lieges, if thei thein selues perfectly knowe, or by vehement presumption may and do perceiue any wyll acte or condicion of lightnes of body in her, which for the time beyng shall be Queene of this realme, that thei maye lawfully disclose the same vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, which thei thinke will disclose the same vnto his highnes, any acte statute or lawe made to the contrary not withstandynge.

Provided neuertheles that thei shall not openly blowe it abroad, nor privately whisper it in other folkes eares, wherby a slander might rise of her, tyll it be diuulged by the assent of his highnes or his counsaile.

AND it is further enacted that if any of the said counsaile, beyng within the realme, do concele it, and not disclose it vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, resident or attendaunt in that tyme on his royall person, by worde or wrytyng, within .xx. dayes after any of them shall heare of it, and if thei be out of the realme, with as conuenient speede and diligence as they may: that than thei to haue like punishment & forfaiture, as the offendours shoulde. And in case the said counsaile or any of them doo here or perceiue any such thinge as afoze is reherced, that than it shall be lefull for them all or any of them, after notice therof gyven to the kynges maiestie, to ymagyn seke and proue alwaies to their wittes possible, to bynge the matter and offence to true knowledge and light, and thei so doing to incurre no daunger of lawe or penaltie, any acte or statute made heretofore to the contrary not withstandynge.

And furthermoze be it enacted, for eueryng of such like hapnous and abhominable treasons, in case it fortune eyther the king our soueraygne lord or that

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that now is, or any of his successors hereafter being kynges of Englande, shal take a fanly to any woman, of what estate degree or condition so ever she be, eyther subject or reliant within his dominions or realmes, in way of marriage, thynkynge and estemyng her a pure and cleane mayde, whan in dede the p[ro]p[er] may or after shal appere contrary, eyther by due testimony or confession of the partie or parties, and yet she neuerthelesse wyllingely doo couple her selfe with her soueraygne lord and kyng in marriage, without playn declaracion befoze of her vncle lye vnto his maiesty: that than euey such offence shal be demed and adiudged high treason, and the offendour therein conuicte by the order of the lawe, shal haue and suffer such peynes of dethe losses and forsaitures of landes tenementes goodes catalles and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person, subject or reliant within the realme, or in any the kynges dominions, herpynge say by honest reporte, or haupnge perfecte knowlege, that such a woman being nochaste, shal mary with her soueraygne lord and kyng of this realme, to the daunger of his most wyall person, and of his succession, and do not reuele and shewe the same offence to the kyng for the time beinge, or to oone of his p[ri]uie counsaile, befoze suche marriage be had, if possibly and conueniently he maye, or els within .xx. dayes nexte after that he shal haue certain knowlege of suche mariage: that then euery suche offence shal be taken & demed misprision of highe treason, and the offendours conuicte therof by the order of the lawe, shal haue such peines and suffer suche losses and forsaitures, as in cases of misprision of highe treason.

And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if the Queene or wyfe of the p[ri]nce moue procure or styre any person by any wytyng message wordes or tokens or otherwise for that purpose, to vse or to haue carnall knowlege with them: Or if any personne do moue procure or make meanes to the Queene, or the wyfe of the p[ri]nce, to vse or haue carnal knowlege of them or any of them: that then as well the Queene and the wyfe of the p[ri]nce so procuringe or carnally knowen, as euery other person procuringe as is aforesaide or carnally knowenge the Queene, or the wyfe of the p[ri]nce, and their adours counsaillours and abettours, and euery of them, shal be deemed and adiudged highe traytours, and beinge conuicte of suche offences, shal haue and suffre suche indgement peines of death and forsaitures of landes goodes catalls and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

An act concerning the order of wardes and liveryes. Cap. xxi.

WHERE IN THE parliament holden at westmynster the .xxviii. daye of Aprill in the .viii. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eighth, by the grace of God kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defender of the fayth, and of the churche of Englande, and also of Irelande in orthe the suppreme head, and from
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then adjourned to the said aforesaid, by diverse prologations, until the
 xii. daye of Maye, in the. xxiii. yere of the reygne of our saide souerayne
 lorde, and then and there holden, amonges other thinges the kinges graces
 court, called the court of the kinges wardes, was then and there by au-
 thoritie of the said parliament established made and auctorised in to a court of
 recorde, as by an acte therof made in the said parliament more plainly ap-
 peryth. To the whiche court it semeth to the kinges maiestie to be necessary
 and hely expedient, to haue the liueries, which shall be sued within this his
 realme and other his dominions, incorporated and vnitid, and also all in-
 dentures cedules bondes and writings to be made in for and vpon liueries
 to be registered and enroled in the said court, beinge a court of recorde, to
 the intent that suche indentures cedules bondes and writings may be there
 fully and certainly knowne searched and vled, as well for the kyng as the
 partie, as case shall require. In consideration wherof, and for that it shall
 not only be honorable and commodious to the kinges maiestie, to haue all
 the procedynges of the sayde liueries to be of recorde, but also greatly to
 the comforte and profite of his graces subiectes, that shall make any serch
 for the same for his or their commodities: The kynges highnes is therfore
 pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parlia-
 ment, that the office of the maister or maisters of the liueries, with the cir-
 cumstances therof, shall be vnitid annexed and hapt vnto the said court of the
 kinges wardes: And that the auctoritie and office to compoynde for and li-
 ueries, with the procedynges therin shall be from henceforth in the full po-
 wer and gouernaunce of the saide court in maner and fourme hereafter de-
 clared, any lawe custome patent graunt or charge heretofore had or vled to the
 contrary notwithstanding. And that the maister of the kinges wardes for
 the tyme beinge, which is the chief and principal heade officer of the said
 court, shall from henceforth for ever be maister of the kinges wardes, and of
 the liueries, and that all other officers and ministers appointed, or hereafter
 to be appointed in the same court of the kinges wardes, by auctoritie of the
 statute made of the erection of the same court, shall be called officers and
 ministers of the kinges court of his wardes and liueries.

AND he it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kynges saide
 highnes, his heyres and successors from tyme to tyme, shall make name and
 appointe one officer and minister of and in the said court, which shall be cal-
 led the surueyor of the kinges liueries, and shall be the second person of the
 same court. And that the attorney of the kinges wardes for the tyme being,
 whiche by the said former acte of the saide court of the kinges wardes, was
 appointed to be the seconde person of the saide court, shall, from henceforth
 for ever stande and be the thyrde person of the said court of the kinges war-
 des and liueries. And all other officers and ministers of the said court to be
 placed as is limited in the same former acte.

AND further be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges high-
 nes his heyres and successors may from tyme to tyme make name and ap-
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point an apt person to be clerke of the saide liueries, whiche shall make all indentures cedules obligations & wytynges of bargaynes hereafter to be made and graunted for any liueries, and that one parte of the saide indentures and cedules or other wytynges indented, necessary for the same, shall remaine with the partie or parties; and shall be sealed with the seale of the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, & of the said surueour of the saide liueries. And that the same indentures obligations and the accomptes to be made upon the same, and euery of them from henceforth shall be taken or dered and vsed, and also be of the same force strength and effecte, to all intents and purposes, as the obligations indentures & accomptes be and ought to be by the said former acte. And that euery such person, whiche in fourme aforesaid shall be appointed to be surueour of the said liueries, shall take a corporall othe afoze the saide maister of the hynges wardes and liueries for the time beinge, after the tenour ensuyng.

Ye shall swere that ye well and trewely serue our soueraigne lord the hyng in the office of surueour of his graces liueries, and shall minister equal iustice to riche and poore to the best of your power wytte and knowledge, and that you shall diligently procure all thinges which may honestly and lawfully be to the hynges aduantage and profit, and to the augmētation of the righte prerogatiue of his graces crowne, & from tyme to tyme deliuer wth speede such as shall haue to do afoze you, and that you shall not take ne receaue of any person or persons any gyfte or reward in any case or matre dependyng or to depēde in the said court of the kinges wardes, wherin the kinges highnes shall be partie, by reason wherof any prejudice losse hynderance or dishonour shall or may growe to the hynges highnes his heires or successours, so helpe you god and all saintes.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid that the saide clerke of the said liueries shall take a corporall othe afoze the said maister of the wardes and liueries for the time beinge, after the tenour hereafter ensuyng.

Ye shall swere that you shall well and trewely serue the hyngs our soueraigne lord in your office of clerke of the liueries, & trewely do and execute without delaye fraude or couyn al and euery thing and thinges, which you ought to do by reason of your said office, accordyng to the fourme & effecte of this present acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

AND that all liueries, whiche hereafter shall be sued out of the hynges graces handes his heires and successours, and out of the handes of any of theim, of any castelles, honours, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, shall be in the order turnay and gouernāce of the said court of the kinges wardes and liueries and of the ministers of the same.

And be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons haue or sue any liuerie before inquisition or office found before the archerone or other commissioner or commissioners, by vertue of the kinges writ or commission

mission to be directed out of the kynges chauncery or other courttes having auctorite to make suche writtes or commissions for livery of luettes, which writtes or commissions shall not passe out of the Chauncery or any other courttes, but by a writte or byll to be assigned and subscribed with the handes and names of the said maister Surueour attourney and receyuer of the said exchequer, to be directed and deliuered to the Chancellour of Englande, or to any other chancellour or officer, having power to awarde suche writtes. And if the landes and tenementes, wherof any inquisition is to be had by vertue of any such writte or commission, exceede the pecy value of. v. li. that then suche as sue for suche writtes or commissions, shall paye for the seale and wytyng therof suche fees as hath ben accustomed. And if the said landes and tenementes, wherof any such inquisitions and offices is to be founde by vertue of any such writte or commission, exceede not the saide pecy value of. v. li. then suche as shall sue for suche writtes or commissions, shall paye for the seale of euery of them. vi. d. and for the wytyng vi. d. and not aboue.

And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that all inquisitions and offices to be founde by vertue of any such writtes or commissions, shall be returned by the escheuours or commissioners, to whom such writtes or commissions shall be directed, into the said chauncery, or into suche other courttes, from whence such writtes or commissions were awarded, in such maner and forme, and vpon suche peines as is limited by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases. And that the clerkes of the pecy bag shall receyue such offices, and make a transcript thereof from time to time to the said maister of the wardes and liberties, in lyke maner and forme as they are bounden and haue ben accustomed to do in to the kynges eschequer & vpon suche peines as be limited and appointed by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases.

And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said maister of the wardes and liberties, and the surueour attourney and general receyuer of the said exchequer, or thye of them, wherof the saide maister or surueour to be, shall haue power and auctorite by vertue of this present acte, after the offices and inquisitions founde as is aforesaid, to couenaunt and indent with euery person and persons for his or their livery of the castels manors & other landes tenementes and hereditamentes compassed or not compassed in such offices, & to make and set the rate and price for the same, and to appointe and set the dayes of paymer thereof by obligation or obligations to be taken for the same to the kyng or soueraygne lord, which obligations and obligations to made and euery of them, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, and shall be of lyke auctorite and strengthe as obligations to be taken by auctorite of the same court of the kynges wardes be shal by vertue of the saide former acte. And that all and singular bylles for any special or general livery to be sued, assigned by the handes of the saide maister surueour attourney receyuer or thye of them, wherof the saide

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maister of surueyours to be one, shal be a good and sufficient warrant as wel to the Chauncellour of Englande, as to the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and officers, hauinge power to passe lyueries vnder any of the kynges seales, for the makynge out sealyng and deliuerie of any lyueries, accordynge to the tenour purpote and effect of suche bylles, with other clauses of course necessary for the same, any lawe or custome to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

PROVIDED alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the lord priuie seale, the lord greate Chaumberlayne, the kynges chiefe and principal secretaries, the maister of the Rolles, & the kynges clarkes of the signet & priuie seale, the clarkes of the petty bag, & all and euerie other officer and officers, and clarkes in the Chauncerye or elles where in any other courtis, where suche lyueries shal passe, shal haue and be payed all suche their fees as hath bene accustomed: all whiche fees shal be receyued and payed by the handes of the clarkes of the petty bag, if the liuerie be sued in the Chauncerye, or by other Clarkes, by whose handes lyueries shalbe written in other courtis, any thing in this act to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

And it is further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that euery person and persons from henceforth may sue at their pleasure a generall lyuerie for any manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes, wherof the cleere yerely value shal not excede .xx. li. after office therof by writ or commissioun founde returned and certified as is aforesaid.

PROVIDED alsoayes that no such liuerie shal passe or be sued without a byl or warraunt to be first obtained for the same from the said master of the wardes and liueries, and the said surueyours attourney and generall receyvoir or thre of them, and signed and subscribed with the names and handes of the said maister surueyours attourney and generall receyvoir or thre of them, as is aforesaid.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof a generall liuerie may be sued by auctorite of this act, excede the cleere yerely value of .v. li. that then such as shal sue and haue such generall lyuerie for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, excedynge the cleere yerely value of .v. li. shal paye for the seale therof. xx. s. iiii. s. and all other suche fees as heretofore in such cases hath ben accustomed in and vpon the suing of any generall liueries. And if the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, wherof any such generall lyuerie shal be sued, excede not the cleere yerely value of .v. li. that then euery person and persones, suing for any generall lyuerie for any landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes, not excedynge the cleere yerely value of .v. li. shal paye suche fees as hereafter foloweth and none other: That is to say, for the seale of euery such lyuerie. xii. d. And to the clarkes of the petty bag for the writynge and entrollynge thereof. xx. d. And for the respite of homage in the hanapar. viii. d. And to the lord great Chaumberlayne. xx. d. And to the maister of the Rolles. xx. d.

And to the clark of the lyueries for the warrante and enrollynge of the lyuerie. xx. d.

AND be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that no pson or psones shal pay in the kinges Eschequier or any other courtes for the respite of homage, of or for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the clere yerely value excedeth not. v. li. aboue. viii. d. And for the entrynge therof and warrant of attourney aboue. iiii. d. And that the value of such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes not excedynge the yerely value of. xx. li. shal be taken as it is lymitted in the offices founden therof, excepte by the examinacion and certificate of the said maister of the wardes and lyueries, & the saide surueour attourney and general recepuour or any of them as is aforesaide, it shal otherwise appere and be declared in any of the kinges courtes.

AND it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all & every such person and persons, whiche shal be named and certified in to the kinges chancery by the lord Treasorer of England, to be Eschetour shal within one moneth next after his letters patentes shal be offered vnto him, take vpon him the execucion of the same office, or els appere in the said Eschequier, & shew a reasonable cause why he ought not so to do. And if any such person so named and certified to be Eschetour, do not appere as is aforesaid, within one moneth next after notyce to him gyven as is aforesaid, nor shew any reasonable cause why he ought not to do the same: that then he shal lose and forfeite for every such default. xx. li. to the king our soueraigne lord to be leuped to his maiesties vse in any his highnes courtes of Record.

AND be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no Eschetour after the firste day of May next comynge, shal sytte onely by vertue of his office for inquirie of the tenure title or value of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, where the same landes tenementes or hereditamentes bene of the value of. v. li. by the yerely or aboue, and holden of the kyng, without the kinges wyrt to be directed to him for the same, vpon peyne to lose and forfeite for every tyme that he shal syt and make inqury contrary to the fourme of this estatute. v. li. Nor that any Eschetour shal take for the syndynge of any office of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that shal not excede the clere yerely value of. v. li. aboue the summe of. xv. s. That is to say for the exchetours fee. vi. s. viii. d. and for the wytyng of the office. iii. s. iiii. d. and for the charges of the iury. iii. s. And for the officers and ministers that shal receyue the said office in any court of record. ii. s. vpon peyne that every Eschetour offendynge this acte shal lose and forfeite for every tyme so offendynge. v. li. And that the officers and ministers of every court of Record, where such inquisitions shal be returned, beyng offered vnto the within one moneth next after the syndynge therof, shal receyue and take the same, vpon peyne to lose and forfeite for every tyme offendynge this act. v. li. The one moptye of all whiche forfeiture aforesaid shal be to the kyng our souerain lord, & the other moptye therof to the party that wil sue for the same in any

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in any of the kinges courted decreed in which such a defendant shall not wage his law, nor any protection or reprieve shall be allowed.

And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if the said further one of the parties, or the clerk of the same, do willingly withhold or conceal any records or profits, that shoulde come or growe to the kinges majestie his heyres or successours by reason of the same: that then he or they so offending, shall lose to the kinges our souveraigne lord his heyres and successours the double value of the thinge so concealed or withheld, the same to be levied and recovered against such persons so offending upon an information thereof to be made by the partie grieved, and the same shal be proved in the same court of the wardes and liveryes.

And also be it enacted by the said auctorite aforesaid, that the said master for the time beinge shall have power and auctorite to take recognisances of all and every personne and personnes, that shal be called into the court of the wardes and liveryes, to answer to any charter alleged against them in the same court, to make there dayly apparance in the same court, to answer to such matter as to them then and there from tyme to tyme shal be assigned. And that all such recognisances, of what summe soever they be, shal be as good and effectual in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as recognisances taken in the kinges highe court of chaucey, or elles wher before any iudge of recorde within this realme. And that the said master for the time beinge, with the advice of the court, by or of such number of the same, as then shal be present, so that they be two bodyes the same matter, shall have full power and auctorite to moderate such recognisances as be or shal be there forfessed, and to sette fines for the same to the kinges use, under the summes conteyned in the said recognisances. The same fines to be levied by the processe of Scire facias, as by the statute made in the xviii. yere of our souveraigne lord the kinges reigne is given to the chancellour of the court of augmentacion of the revenues of his grates crowne. And that the said master for the time beinge, with the advice aforesaid, shall have power and auctorite to commit to ward any person or persons for his or their disobedience contempt or other offence made or to be made, triable within the kinges said court of the wardes and liveryes; and upon the said matters ordered or decreed there, to deliver them from prison, and to cancel and make void all recognisances and obligations taken or hereafter to be taken in the same court to the kinges use, when and as often as the said master, with the advice of the said court or thye of them, shall see and perceyve the matters and causes, for the whiche any such recognisance or obligation hath or hereafter shal happen to be taken, to be finished and ended, and the kinges grace his heyres or successours, or the partie therbpō satisfied without any other warraunt for the same.

And be it further enacted that all and every such heyre and heyres, which hereafter shall be in case to sue liverye, where the landes and tenementes of the said heyre or heyres exceede not the perely value of. v. li. that then every

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such here shall lawfully sue forth his general livery by writs as he may
 and had from the said court of the kinges warres and shires, as alway
 saide, although there be none other inquisition or inquisition of the
 had bene certified, & that this acte shall be warrant sufficient as well to the
 Chauncellour of England, Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to
 all other Chauncellours and officers of the kinges counties, as to any person
 to passe livers under any the kinges seales, for the making out giving
 and delivery of any livers according to the tenor purpoynt and effect of
 such bylles with other clauses of course necessary for the same, and that
 the fees of every such livery shall be before expressed for the fees of giving
 livers, not exceeding the pecy value of .v. li. although the same livers
 were made and sued forth upon an office founden by vertue of any writ
 here, any lawe heretofore made or other thing in this behalf made or to be
 made, not withstanding. And it is also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all persons
 and persons to whom the kinges highnes shall graunte any livery
 hereafter, shall be sued upon his byll assigned therof with the kinges
 most gracious hand, or with the handes of the officers of his goodes court
 the warres and livers, as before is expressed, by writ by his patente under
 the great seale hereafter the assignement of the said byll, or els the said
 byll and the effect thereof to be utterly voyde and of none effect.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that
 the clerkes of the petty bag in the Chauncery shall not be compelled to cer-
 tifie any transcript of any office into the kinges Eschequer but twice in the
 pere, that is to say: Thei shall certifie the transcripts of all offices founden
 and returned into the Chauncery betwene Easter and saint Michael the
 archaungel pecyly in the terme of saint Michael: And the transcripts of all
 offices founden and returned into the said chauncery betwene saint Michael
 and Easter thei shall certifie into the said Eschequer pecyly in the terme of
 Easter, & not otherwise, any thing contained in this statute, or in any other
 statute heretofore made to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alwayes, that this acte nor any thing therein contained
 shall in any wise extende to be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any royalties lib-
 ties franchises privileges preeminences, and jurisdictions of the countie
 of Lancashire & Duchy of Lancaster, or of any of them, but that the same royal-
 ties liberties franchises privileges preeminences and jurisdictions and ear-
 ty of them shall styll continue and remayne to the countie of Lancashire and
 Duchy of Lancaster, as fully plainly and holly as thei dyd before the ma-
 kinge of this acte, any thing in the same acte contained to the contrary not
 withstanding.

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Can acte to procede by a commission of Oyer and determine against such persons as shall confesse treason. &c. without remaundinge the same to be tried in the Shyre where the offence was committed. Cap. xxiij.



OR AS MUCH as diuers & sundry persons upon great groundes of behemente suspicions, as well of highe treason petre treason and misprisions of treason, as of murders, by many tymes sente for from diuers the Shyres and places of this realme, and other the kinges domynions, to the kinges maiesties great charges & expences, to be examined before the kinges highnes councell upon their offences, to thintent that conviction or declaracion of such persons shuld speedilye ensue, as the merites of theyr cases shuld require. And albeit that after great trauaile taken in the examinations of such persons it appere to the saide councell by confession witness or behement suspecte, that such persones be rather gyltye of such offences, wherof they be so examined, than otherwise: yet neuerthelesse suche offendours so examined, by the course of the common lawe of this realme, muste be indyted within the Shyre or places where they committed their offences, and also tryed by the inhabytauntes or freholders of such Shyres and places, although by their confessions or by sufficient witness their offences be certainly knownen to the kinges councell: by reason wherof, besyde the trauaile and paynes of the kinges maiesties councell in such cases, the kinges highnes is oftentimes put to great charges and expences, in remaundinge suche persons to the countreys where they offended, there to be indyted and tryed of their offences. And sometime the inhabytauntes & freholders of the Shyres or places, where such offences were done, be compellyd to appere out of their Shyres and places for suche causes, to their great charges, for the trial or declaracion of suche offences: And sometime by occasion of the charges for remaundinge of such offendours to be indyted and tryed by the countreys of the common lawe, such offendours lye styll in prison and be forgotten, wherby many tymes by helpe of their confederates they escape unpunished, to the great courage and euill example of euill doers. Be it therfore enacted, by the kinge our souerayne lord, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, being examined before the kinges councell or thye of them, upon any maner of treasons misprisions of treasons or murders, do confesse any such offences, or that the said councell or thye of them, upon suche examination, shall thinke any person so examined, to be behemently suspected of any treason misprisions of treasons or murder: that than in every such case by the kinges commaundement his maiesties commission of oyer and determine, vnder his highnes great seale, shal be made by the Chauncellour of Englande to suche persons, and into such Shyres or places, as shal be named & appointed by the kinges highnes

for the speedy triall conuiction of pelyuerance of suche offendours, whiche commissioners shall haue power & auctorite to enquire here and elsewhere all suche treasons & murtheres of treasons and murtheres, within the shires and places limited by their commission by such good and lawfull persons as shall be retourned before them by the shyreffe or his minister, or any other hauinge power to retorne writtes and proces for that purpose, in what so ever other shyre or place within the kinges dominions or without, such offences of treasons & murtheres of treasons or murtheres so examined, were done or committed, and that in such cases no challenge for the shyre or hundred shall be allowed.

It is provided that upon the tryall of suche treasons & murtheres of treasons and murtheres, the challenge to any iurer for lacke of freholde of the peers of this shire, shall be allowed as hath ben accustomed.

It is provided also that if any the peers of the realme shall happen to be convicted of any of the offences aforesaid by vertue of any such commission to be granted by auctorite of this act, nevertheless they shall have their tryall by peers in like maner and forme as heretofore hath ben used, any thing in this acte conteyned, or any thing to be done by vertue thereof in any wise not withstanding. And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that peremptory challenge shall not from henceforth be admitted or allowed in any cases of high treason nor murther of high treason.

It is enacted that no man shall be Justice of Assise in his owne countrey. Cap. xiiii.



WHERE in the parliament holden in the fifth yere of king Richard the second it was enacted ordeined and established, that no man learned in the lawes of this realme, shoulde from thenceforth be iustice of assise in the countrey where he dwelleth: And that the chief iustice of the common place shoulde be from thenceforth assigned among other iustices to the taking of the said assises, but as the chief iustice of the kinges benchethere shoulde be doone & used, as hath ben used for the most part by the space of one hundred yeres next before as by the said act moze at large it doth & may appere. Upon the making of which said good act & lawe diuers iustices and men learned in the lawes of this realme, haue by their owne meanes industry and policy, & for their owne comoditie and ease, obtained contrary to the forme of the said act, to be iustices of assises in the countreys & countres where they were borne, or were inhabiting, wherby some gelasy of their affection & favour towardes their kynsmen allyances & frendes within the said countreys & countres, where they were so borne or inhabiting, hath bene conceived and had against them by the kinges most loyng subiectes of the same countreys and countres. For reformation wherof the kinges most loyng subiectes, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly beseech

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and before the kynges maiesty. & that it be enacted by the kynges maiesty with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporell, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no iustice nor other man learned in the lawes of this realme, shal at any tyme from or after the feast of Easter next commynge, use nor exercise the office of iustice of assise within any countie where the said iustice was borne or dothe inherite, upon paine to forfait for every offence done contrary to the foreward of this present act one hundred pounden, the moortie wherof to be to our sowerayne lord the king, and the other moortie therof to be to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by bill plainte information action of Det. or otherwise, in the which suite no protection nor waver of lawe shall be admitted nor allowed.

¶ Provided alway & be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that this act or any thinge hereyn conteyned shall not extende be construed or interpreted to touche or concerne any person or persons that now are or hereafter shalbe clerke or clerkes of assises, & shal be associate to any Justice of assise, of or in any countie citie or town within this realme of Englad where in the same person or persons clerke or clerkes so associate do dwelle or were borne, but that all and every clerke and clerkes of assises, which now do exercise or occupy, or hereafter shal exercise or occupy any office or offices of assises, shal and may exercise and occupy the same in any countie citie or town wherein the same clerke or clerkes of assises do dwelle, or were borne, any thinge in this act conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also that these termes Justices of assises, or other persons learned in the lawes of the realme, shal not extende or in any wise be interpreted to any mayors Myrissles recorders Sherwardes bayliffes sewters or other officers being borne or dwelling within any citie borough or town within this realme of Englande, but that thei may be iustices of assises, of freeshire force, or of other assises in the same citie borough or town, where he or thei do or shal dwelle, or were borne, as thei or any of them before this tyme have or might have ben to all entences and purposes, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ PROVIDED alwaies, that this act nor any thing therein conteyned, shall be prejudiciall to any iustice or iustices of the one bench of the other, for taking heyring or determyning assises in the said courtes in the one bench or the other, nor to any iustice that shal take any assise by or upon adjournment for difficultie of the same.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted that any clerke of assise, duringe the onely tyme of the session, of or for any assise or assises, or of or for any assisus, shal not be of counsel with any person or persons within any circuit, wherof he shal be clerke of assise, otherwise than to that office onely appertayneth, upon paine to forfait for every tyme offendynge contrary to this statute. i. l. the one moortie therof to be to the kinge our soweraigne lord, and the other moortie to the partie greued, to be sued in any of the kynges courtes of

tes of the same by action of dette, byll plainte, information, or otherwise, in
which supre no efforne protection wages of lawe or other dilacione shal
be admittid or allowed.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that
this act or any thing therein conteyned, extendeth unto the iustices in law
clerkes or clerke of assizes, withyn our countreyn lyke the kinges duty
countie palatine of Lancaster, nor to any of them that now be or hereafter
shall be, but that the same iustices iudice clerkes and clerke, and every of
them, shall and maye execute their offices and every of them, in such manner
and forme as they or any of them have used to be before the makinge of
this present acte, this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary
thereof not withstandinge.

IN acte for the makinge free certayne children borne beyonde
the sea, and to put the same children in the nature
of these englyshmen. **Cap. xij.**



WHARE Thomas Dornis of London grocer, beinge
the seate of Marchesse in the parties beyonde the sea, married
there a woman of that countrey borne, & had by her in lawfull
matrimony divers children yet livinge, whiche intende
by goddes grace to be the kinges faithfull & obedient subiectes.
where also William Castellyn of London mercer, occupyinge
in the parties of Levant, withyn the tittle of Chio in Grecia, toke to his
one Angella, daughter of Michael Malacho of the same tyme, & had by her
in lawfull matrimony a sonne called Edward yet livinge, whiche likewise
intendeth by goddes grace to be the kinges faithfull & obedient subiecte. And
where also John Dymocke, late one of the gentylmen officers of the kinges
most honorable chamber, was in the parties beyonde the sea, that is to witte
in Andwope in the countie of Sabande, about the kinges affaires, & there
toke to his wife Beatrice, daughter of one John van Cleve, and hadde by
her in lawfull matrimony a sonne called John Dymocke yet livinge, whiche
intendeth (god willinge) to be the kinges feithfull and obedient subiecte.
wherefore be it enacted and established by the kinges highnes, with the as-
sente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this pre-
sent parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that as well
the sayde John Dymocke, the sonne of John Dymocke, and Edward
Castellyn, as all the sayde children of the said Thomas Dornis now borne
and every of them, shall be from henceforth reputed and taken the kinges
natural subiectes, as lawfull persons borne within this realme of Englab,
and as the persones, to all intents constructions and purposes, as if they
and every of them had bene borne within this realme of Englab, and also
shall from henceforth by the sayde auctorite be enabled and advantaged able
to all intents constructions and purposes, as well to demaunde chal-
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large have and enioye landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as heire of
 heyres to any of his or their auncestours, by reason onely of any discēt right
 or title, whiche after the firste dayes of this parliament shall discende or crue
 come or growe unto them or to any of their, and to have & enioye landes, te-
 nementes and hereditamentes by waye of purchase or gift of any person or
 persons, as also for to prosecute & defende all manner of actions and suites;
 and all other lawfull thinges what soever to do wherliberally fulli help lau-
 fully, surely and freely, as if ther and any of them had bene naturally borne
 within this realme of England, as any other person born naturally bynes
 within this realme of England may lawfully do; and also wherliberally fulli
 helpe and assistance in any other thing what so ever had made, done, ordeined, pro-
 claymed, or provided to the contrary hereof in any wise nor withstandinge;

And wherby the said Act to make frustrate certayne condempnedes, wherby
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WHEREAS the said John Shelton, knight, deceased, byng a
 man of great possessions in his lif tyme, by the assent of
 his heires, executours, admorsors, and assigns, by condempnedes
 and other condempnedes and other condempnedes, as
 the lawe, as well in this realme as in other places, of
 and in his manours, landes, tenementes, and heredita-
 mentes, in the countie of Norfolk and Suffolke; in
 order to the entente to discerne and exclude the kinges marshall of his pri-
 vee sealon prerogative wardshipp and rightes of and in the premises; but
 also to the intent to discerne and exclude the nobles and other the kinges
 lordes subiectes of their wardshipp, reliefes and suchlike service, as shoulde
 accue growe and come unto them by reason of their tenures in the premis-
 ses, that is to wytte: The sayde s^r John Shelton; by his dede indented,
 bearing date the xijene daye of December, in the xxiij. yere of the reigne
 of our soveraigne lord kynge Henry the. viii. byd incoffe of and in diuers
 of his manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, in the said coun-
 ties of Norfolk and Suffolke, one John Wyndes, to have unto him and
 to his heyres vpon condicion, that the same John Wyndes within xijene
 dayes then nexte ensuinge shoulde by his dede indented gyue the same ma-
 nours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes to the said s^r John Shel-
 ton and his assignes for terme of. lxxxij. yeres, then nexte folowynge, with-
 out impeachment of waste, the remaynder thereof after the same terme ended
 to Rauffe Shelton gentylman, sonne wherby apparant of John Shelton
 knyght, sonne and heyre of the saide s^r John Shelton, & to the heyres ma-
 les of the body of the saide Rauffe Shelton gentylman lawfully begotten;
 and for defaute of suche issue the remaynder thereof to the heyres males of
 the body of the said s^r John Shelton lawfully begotten, with diuers other
 remainders ouer, as by the said dede indented amonges other thinges then
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lyfe of the faide sy^r John Shelton, were deuised had and made by coueyne, for and to thintē aforesaid, by reason wherof the said John Shelton esquier sonne and heyre of the said sy^r John Sheltō, being aboue the age of .lxx. yeres at the time of the deathe of his saide father, dyd sue a speciall lycery out of the kinges maiesties handes, of & in all the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as heyre vnto the said sy^r John his father, as of record moze playnly appereth. For the plaine declaracion of the aduoydyng and adnichilatyng of the said crafty and boyde dedes estates will and conueyances, deuysed by fraude and coueyne as is aforesaid: Be it ordeyned establisshed and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singular the said dedes estates wyl and other conueyances had & made as is aforesaid, and the possessions and liuery of seison thereupon made and deliuered accordyngly, & also al and singular gyftes grauntes remainders reuertions articles clauses and wordes in them and euery of them conteyned, be demed and adyudged clerely boyde and of none effecte, to all intētes constructions and purposes. And that the said sy^r John Shelton, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, be demed reputed & adyudged in actual and real possession at the time of his deathe of, and in all & singular the said manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, of the same or like estate of inherytance, as if no such dede or dedes estates wyl or other conueyances had neuer ben had or made, and also of the same estate of inherytance, to all intētes constructions and purposes, as the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes were in the said sy^r John Shelton at or before the makinge of the said seuerall dedes estates will and other conueyances, the said dedes estates will and conueyances or any of them, or any thinge in them or any of them contained to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

Provided alway & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte or any thing therein cōteined, be not in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull vnto the said dame Anne Shelton, for or concernyng any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes assigned or appoynted sythen the deathe of the said sy^r John vnto the same dame Anne onely for terme of her life, by reason of a warde made by the high and mighty prince Thomas duke of Norfolk, lord Tresourer of England, or by any couenant bonde or agreement had or made by the said John Shelton esquier sythen the death of the said sy^r John Shelton, any thing in this acte contained to the contrary not withstandinge.

CAn act for leases of hospitals colleges, & other corporations to be good and effectuell with the consent of the moze partie. Cap. xxvii.



Be it that by the common lawes of this realme of Englande, all assentes elections grauntes and leases, had made & graunted by the deane wardeyn prouost maister prestidēte or other gouernour of any cathedrall church hospitall college or other corporation, by what so euer name thei be incorporate or founded, with

with the assent and consent of the more or greater parte of their chapter fellows or brethren of suche corporation, hauing voices of assente therunto be as good and effectual in the lawe to the grautees and lessees of the same, as if the residue or the hole number of suche chapter fellows and brethren of suche corporation hauinge voices of assente, had therunto consented and agreed: Yet the said common lawes not withstandinge, diuers founders of such deaneries hospitalles colleges & corporations within this said realme haue vpon the foundation and establishment of the same deaneries hospitalles colleges and other corporations established and made amoges other their peculiar actes, locall statutes and ordinaunces, that if any one of such corporation hauing power or auctoritie to assent or disassent, shuld & wold deny any such graunt or grauntes, that then no such lease election or graunt shuld be had graunted or lealed, and for the performance of the same every person hauing power of assent to the same, haue ben and be dayly therunto sworne, and so the residue may not procede to the perfection of such election grauntes and leases, accor dyng to the course of the common lawes of this realme, onesles thei shuld incurre the dainger of perjury. For the aduoyding wherof and for the due execution of the commō law vniuersally within this realme & every place in one conformity of reason to be vled: Be it ordeined established and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that al and every peculiar act order rule and estatute heretofore made, or hereafter to be made by any founder or founders of any hospital colledge deanery or other corporation, at or vpon the foundation of any suche hospital colledge deanery or corporation, wherby the greant lease gyfte or election of the gouernour or ruler of such hospital college deanery or other corporation, with the assent of the more parte of suche of the same hospital colledge deanery or corporation, as haue or shall haue voyce of assent to the same, at the time of such graunt lease gyfte or election hereafter to be made, shulde be in any wise hindered or let by any one or mo being the lesser number of such corporation, contrary to the fourme order and course of the common lawe of this realme of Englad, shal be from hensforth clerely frustrate voyde and of none effect. And that all othes heretofore taken by any person or persons of such hospital college deanery and other corporation, shal be for and concernyng the obseruance of any such order estatute or rule, demed voyde and of none effect. And that from hensforth no maner person or persons of any suche hospital colledge deanery or other corporation, shal be in any wise compelled to take any othe for the obseruyng of any such order estatute or rule, vpon the pain of euerij persone gyvinge such othe, to forfeite for every time so offendynge v. li. the one moytie therof to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the kynge, and the other moytie therof to any of the kinges subiectes, whiche will sue for the same, in any of the kynes courtes of recorde by action of det. byll. plaint. information or other wise, wherin the defendaunt shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor esoyne, or any other delatory plea admitted or allowed.

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It actes the chawncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, the chawncellour of the augmentations, and certayne other noble men to receyve chapleyngs. Cap. xxviii.



HERE in the parliament holden at Westm. in the xth yere of your most gracious reigne, it was amonges other thinges ordeined and provided, that certayn honorable persons and other of your highnes counsellours and officers, as well spiritual as temporal, shoulde & mought have chapleyngs beneficed with cure, to serve and attende vpon them in their houses, which chapleyngs shal not incurre the damage of any penaltee or forfeiture made or declared in the same parliament, for none residue vpon their said

benefices, or for any thinge licetes for dispensacions of pluralities, in which there is no provision made for any the head officers of your graces severall courtcs of your duchy of Lancaster, the courtcs of augmentacions of the revenues of your highnes crowne, the first fruitcs and tenthcs, the maircs of your highnes wardcs & linetcs, the generall surrentours of your graces landcs, & other your graces courtcs. In consideration wherof it maye please your maiestie, that it maye be enacted by your highnes, with the assent of the lordcs spiritual & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the Chawncellour of the said court of the duchy of Lancaster, the Chawncellour of your highnes courtcs of augmentacions, the chawncellour of your graces courtcs of first fruitcs & tenthcs, the maircs of your highnes wardcs and linetcs, and every of your graces generall surrentours of your highnes landcs, the treasurer of your graces chamber, the treasurer of your highnes courtcs of augmentacions, and the warden of your graces scoole, & every of them for the time beinge shall repayntayne singulerly to every of them in his house, or attendanc theron his portion one chapleyng having one benefice with cure of soules, which maye be absent from his said benefice, & not resident vpon the same, the saidc estatute made in the saidc. xxi. yere of your most gracious reigne, or any other estatute or ordinance made to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaidc, that every of the said chapleyngs, to be beneficed as is aforesaid, & dwelling with any the officers aforesaid, shall personally repayntwo tymes in every yere at the least to his saidc benefice and cure, and there to tary & abide by the space of. viii. dayes at every suche tyme at the least, to visite and instructe his saidc cure, vpon the payne to forfeite for every tyme so saylunge. And the one moytie therof to the kynge our soueraigne lord, the other to such as will sue for the same by action of dette byll playntee or informacion in any of the kynges courtcs of record, in which suite no other protection or waver of labur shall be allowed.

CAn act to enable persons late religious to sue and to be sued. Cap. xxi.



H. R. E. in the parliament holden at Westmynster the xxviii. day of April. in the xxxi. yere of the reigne of our soveraigne lord Henry the. viii. by the grace of god kynge of Englands Fraunce and Irelande defender of the faith: & of the church of England and also of Irelande in the the supreme head: was and is ordeined & enacted by auctorite of the said parliament that al and singuler such religious persones, as well men as women professed, of what order rule or habite so ever thei were, whiche thei were or after that time shoulde be put at their liberties from the bondage servitude & condiction of their religion & profession, wherunto thei were professed, by reason of suppression dissoluyng or forfeiture by attainder rendering or otherwise gruinge to the heydes of the kinges maiesty their howses monasteries and possessions: shulde, by auctorite of the said parliament, from and after the first day of the same parliament, and from and after the time that thei were or shuld be put at such libertie, have free libertie to purchase to them and to their heyres in fee simple for tyme of lyfe for yeres or at wyll, manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes and thinges what so ever thei were in lyke maner and fourme as though thei or any of them had never ben professed nor entred into any such religion, and that the same religious persones & every of them, by auctorite of the said act of parliament, shuld be able to sue and to be sued in all maner of actions plaintes & suites, what so ever thei were of and for any matter or cause growen sithens and after the time of their severall detrainmentes or departing out of their religion, in all courtes places and jurisdictions within this realme of Englands, as other the kynges subiectes were, and that thei and every of them shulde and might from that time use and exercise receyve take have and enjoy al and every lafull thing and thinges fro then forth to be growen fallen or happened vnto them or any of the, after the said detrainment or departing out of their religion, in as large and ample maner fourme and condicion, as if thei had never ben professed nor entred in to religion, this same profession or religion, or any law custome or use within the said realme of Englands to the contrary thereof in any wyse not withstanding, as by the said acte amonge other articles clauses and provisions more plainly appereth. And for as much as diuerse ambiguities & doubttes daily do arise, whether the said acte extend vnto such late religious persones as were in diuers late religious howses and monasteries, which by the kinges highnes were immediately transposed and translated from their religion and olde corporation into a newe corporation, and neuer came and remained in his gracions handes, nethe by suppression dissoluyng forfeiture by attainder, ne suche lyke, accordynge to the wordes of the said former acte,

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In auoyding of which said ambiguities and doubtes: Be it nowe ordeined and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, and that the said acte of parlyament aboue remembred, made in the saide. xxxi. yere, shall extende as well to all suche persons, whiche be bypynge, that were religious persons in any of the saide houses, which wer so translated and trasposed from one copporacion into an other, which at any tyme was pofessed or were religious personnes, in any of the saide houses within this realme of Englande, and that thei & every of them from the tyme of their saide severall detaignement and discharge of their said pofessions and religions, shall be in lyke qualite estate condition and degree, and also shall take haue and enjoy like benefite commoditie pofite and aduantage, and with like prouiso onely, and not otherwyle, to every entent and in every thinge, as any other religious persone or persons maye and shall haue, take, and enjoye by vertue of the saide former acte aboue remembred, the same pofession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

An acte confirming the auctorite of the Deane and chapter of Lichfelde, in makynge leases and other grauntes. Cap. xxx.



HERE before this time the chapter vnto the see and byshoppe of Countee and Lichfield, was the prioure & conuēt of the late priory or monastery of our blessed lady of Couentre, within the countie of the cite of Couentre. And the deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of Lichfelde in the countie of Stafford, by reason wherof all leases grauntes and estates, made of any the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or any other thing belogging or appertayning vnto the said see and byshoppe, or wherof the byshoppe of the saide see of Couentre and Lichfelde for the tyme being, was seased in the right of the said byshoppe, or going out of any of the said manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belogging vnto the same byshoppe, which shuld be good or of any effecte in the lawe, to bynde his successors in succession after the death of the saide byshop of the said byshoppe for the tyme being grauntour lessour or gyuer of any the premises, as is aforesaide, ought to be made in wytyng by the same byshop for tyme beinge vnder his seale, & in his lyfe tyme to be also by wytyng sealed with the common seale of the priour and couent for the tyme beinge of the saide late priory or monastery of Couentre, and also with the chapter seale of the Deane and chapter for the tyme beinge of Lichfelde, testified and confirmed: whiche saide priory or monastery of Couentre, diuers yeres now past was lawfully dissolved extincte and determined, albeit when that tyme diuers and sundry gyftes grauntes and leases haue ben made in wytyng of and in parcel of the premises, or going out of

the same by the nowe bishop of the said byshoprike, and also confirmed in writing by the deane & chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, under their chapter seale. And for asmuch as it is in doubt & question amonges divers persons, whether the confirmation of the said deane and chapter of Lichfield is sufficient in the lawe, to make perfitte and good suche gyften grauntes and leases heretofore, or then the dissolution of the said late priory made, or hereafter to be made in writing by the byshop of the said see, or byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfelde for time beinge, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, or other thyng belonging to the same byshoprike, to goynge out of the same, and ratified and confirmed also in writing by the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, shuld be good and effectual in the lawe to hynde in succession the successours of the said now byshop, according to the tenour purport and effect of the same gyftes grauntes leases and other writings, so made by the saide byshop, and confirmed by the saide deane and chapter of Lichfelde, as is aforesaid: by occasion wherof, divers of the kynges subiectes, as well fermours and lessees for terme of lyfe lyfes and yerres, as other maye be put to great vexacions suyttes troubles and losse of their goodes, to their great empoweryment. In eschewyng of which saide ambiguities questions and doubttes, and of all suyttes vexacions and troubles, that might ensue by meanes therof: Be it enacted ordeyned and established by the king our souerayne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that al and singuler gyftes grauntes leases & other writings, at any tyme when the dissolution of the saide late priory or monastery of Couentre made, or hereafter to be made by the byshop of Couentre & Lichfield for the time being, in writing under his seale, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes offices fees or any other thing belonging to the said byshoprike, or going out of any the same premises, and ratified and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfelde for the time being, in writing under their chapter seale, shall be and stande good & effectual in the lawe, to hynde in succession the successours of the saide byshop, according to the tenours purportes and effectes of the same gyftes grauntes & leases, made and hereafter to be made in writing by the saide byshop of Couentre and Lichfelde for time being, and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfelde as is aforesaid. And that by the same authoritie the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, & their successours for the time being, shal be from henceforth for ever accepted taken requied and adjudged for the full entier and sole see and chapter of the saide byshoprike of Couentre and Lichfelde, and belonnginge and appertaynyng unto the same byshoprike, in name nature auctorite and qualite, to all intentes, constructions, and purpoles, as the sole chapter of the same byshoprike shal have full power and auctorite to ratifie and confirme in writing under their chapter seale, all and all maner gyftes grauntes and leases hereafter to be made or graunted in writing by any byshoppe of the

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said byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for the time beinge, vnder his
seale, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belonging vnto
to the said byshoppe, or of any rentes offices or other petyl ppyties out
of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any parcell
therof, in as ample and large maner fourme and condiction, to all intentes
constructions and purposes, as the deane and chapter of sainte Paule in
London for the tyme beinge, maye lawfully ratifye or confirme in wytyng
vnder their chapiter seale, any gyfte graunte or lease made or hereafter to
be made in wytyng by the byshoppe of London for tyme being, vnder his
seale, of any landes tenementes offices or other ppyties belonging to his
byshoppe of London.

Provided alwaies, that this act or any thing therein contayned, do not ex-
tende to bynde any foundour or gauer of any manours landes tenementes
or hereditamentes of the said see and bishoppe of Couentre and Lichfield,
or therunto belonging, of so: or concernyng all such actions and suites, as
therof any of them may shuld or ought to haue by reason of any alienacion
in fee simple or in fee taylor, hereafter to be made of any the manours landes
tenementes and hereditamentes of the said byshoppe of Couentre and
Lichfield, or of any part therof.

Provided also, that this act or any thing therein contayned, extend not to
any copyholde lades of the same byshoppe, letten out by copy of court roll
after custome and maner, but that the same copies, & the estate and estates
of the copyholders therein, shall continue remaine and be of suche strength
and effect, as al other copyholders be accepted and taken by and in the law
of this realme, and of no other strength or effect.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that
this acte or any thing therein contayned, be not in any wise pynall or
hurtfull to the byshop of Chester for the time being, nor yet to the deane and
chapter of Chester, for or concernyng any office or offices belongyng or
appertaynyng vnto the same byshoppe of Chester, or to the deane & cha-
pter of Chester aforesaide.

In acte dissueryng the byshoppe of Chester, and of the
ple of Man, from the iurisdiction of Canturbury, to
the iurisdiction of Yorke. Cap. xxi.

WHERE as the kinges highnes of his most graciously good
nes, as wel for the aduancement of Churche religion as for
the better instruction of his subiectes in the lawes of God,
hath by his letters patentes, bearinge date the. xvi. daye of
July, in the. xxiii. yere of his noble reigne, erected, founded &
established in the late monastrey of sainte Werberge, in his
cite of Chester, a cathedrall church, or byshops see, callinge the same to be
named & called the byshoppe or bishops see of Chester, & to the same hath
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appointed lymites and boundes of one perfect and entier diocesse, ordeigned
 & willing the same to be named and called the diocesse of Chester. And amo-
 ges other thinges hath appoynted vnted and annexed to the said diocesse of
 Chester, the archdeacons of Richemont, and all the iurisdiction therof,
 which archdeacons was of late parcell of the diocesse of Yorke, and more-
 ouer hath the same hole and entier diocesse of Chester, with all the lymites
 and boundes, and all thinges annexed appoynted and vnted to the same,
 decreed ordeined and establisshed to be of the prouince of the archbishop
 of Canturbury, and vnder the iurisdiction metropolitaine of the same, as in
 the same letters patentes doth more largely appere. For as muche as his
 sayde highnes graciously considereth, that the said archbishop of Cantur-
 bury hath a sufficient number of diocesses & suffragans vnder hym, and in
 his prouince, and that the archbishop of Yorke hath within the realme of
 Englande onely two suffragans, and more ouer, that if the laide diocesse
 shulde remaine vnder the laide archbishop of Canturbury, that than all
 his highnes subiectes of all that diocesse of Chester, and so of the archdea-
 cons of Richemont, shulde be constrained for appeles to resorte to the au-
 dience of Canturbury, whiche thinge to wany of the laide diocesse, and spe-
 cially to them of the archdeacons of Richemont, shoulde be by reason of
 long iourney of almoste .iii. C. myles from som places therof, intollerable
 fatigation and impossible charges, and therefore tenderly like a most gra-
 cious Prince, Audreyge and caring for his laide subiectes most com-
 ditte quietnes and ease, vpon further deliberation hath with the advice of
 his most honorable counsaill determynd and ordeined to remove and dis-
 uer the said bishopricke and diocesse of Chester, from the said prouince and
 archbishopricke of Canturbury, and to vnyte and annere the same to the
 prouince and archbishopricke of Yorke as a diocesse membre & bylioni-
 of the same. And is therefore ordeined enacted and establisshed by the kinges
 highnes, and by the consent of the lordes spirituall and temporell, and the
 commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the
 same, that the laide hole and entier diocesse of bishopricke of Chester, and
 euery parcell and membre therof, be from henceforth vnted and annexed to
 the prouince and archbishopricke of Yorke, as a diocesse and bishopricke
 of the same. And that from henceforth the said diocesse of Chester, and euery
 parcell therof, exempt as well as not exempt, be and be taken named and
 reputed to be of the prouince and archbishopricke of Yorke, & of the metro-
 politicall iurisdiction of the same, to every effecte and purpose according to
 the ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme: and that the bishop of the same
 diocesse, & all other his successours, shall be suffragans to the archbishop
 of Yorke that now is, and his successours, and to the same shall owe the
 obedience and be vnder the iurisdiction metropolitaine of the same as well
 thei as the deane and chapter of Chester, and all the archdeacons and the
 whole clergie, and all others the kinges subiectes, being within the lym-
 ites and boundes of the laide diocesse, any thinge contained in the said letters

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patentes of the erection of the saide diocesse and byshopricke of Chester not withstanding. And from henceforwarde nother the saide byshop of Chester, nother the clergie, nor any others the kinges subiectes, beyng of the saide diocesse of Chester, shall recognise the archebyshop of Canturbury as theyr Metropolitane, but onely the archebyshop of Yorke, and his successours, and to the same shall obeye in all thinges accordyng to the lawes, as well tempozall as ecclesiasticall of this realme.

Be it also further enacted and establiſhed by the kynges highnesse, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the byshopricke and diocesse of Manne, in the Ile of Manne, be also annexed, adioyned, and united to the saide prouince and Metropoliticall iurisdiction of Yorke, in all pointes and to al purposes and effectes, as the saide byshopricke of Chester is annexed adioyned and united to the same.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by our souerayne lord the kyng, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, by the auctoritie of the same, that this acte be not prejudiciall to the archebyshop of Canturbury now living, nor to his successours, nor to the deane and chapter of the same, nor to any other byshop or chapter of this realme; but that all places landes promotions possessions as well spirituall as tempozall, beinge and lyinge without the boundes and lymittes of the archedeconies of Richemount and Chester, and without the boundes and lymittes of the countie of Chester, and the countie of the same, and the counties of Lancaster and Chester, or any of thein, shall be styll of the prouince of Canturbury, and of suche diocesse and diocesess as they were of afore the erection of the saide byshopricke of Chester, and of the iurisdiction of the same; and not of the prouince of Yorke, ne shall be accounted to be any partell of the saide diocesse of Chester, any thinge in this presente acte, or in the booke of erection of the saide byshopricke of Chester, not withstanding. Savynge to the byshop of Chester, and his successours, that his house at Weston, beinge within the diocesse of Conchetre and Lichefeld, shall be accounted and taken to be of his diocesse, and that he beyng resident in the same, shall be taken and accounted as resident in his owne diocesse, and for the tyme of his abode there, shall have iurisdiction in the same, lykewise as all other byshoppes haue in the howses belonginge to theyr sees; where so ever they lye, in any other byshopricke within this realme for the tyme of theyr abode in the same, any thinge in this present acte and prouision to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstandinge.

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CAn act for the parryshe church of whytegate to be made a parryshe church of it selfe, and no part of the parryshe of Duer. Cap. xxii.



HERE as by the dissolucion of the late monastery Walrohall, within the countie of Chester, a certayne church standynge at the abbeye gate of the saide late monastery, amongst other the possessions, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes of the saide late monasterie, is comen vnto the handes and possession of the kynges hyghnes, by reason that the saide church was belongynge to the saide late monasterie, whiche church befoze the tyme of remembraunce of man, by the vsurped bulles and auctoritie of the byshoppe of Rome, was made and ordeyned to be a parryshe church, as well for all and every the tenauntes and inhabitauntes dwellynge of in and vpon the demeanes of the saide late monasterie, and of in and vpon al other netwe incroced ground within the liberties of the saide late monasterie, and the granges of the same, as for diuers other the tenauntes of the saide late monasterie, dwellynge in Forwist, Gayt, Halterwal, Duer, Herton, the Brokehoules, and all other houses and granges, woddes waters pastures and medowes within the pfect of the parryshe of Duer, wherof the saide late abbot was person in the saide countie of Chester, by reason wherof the saide tenauntes and inhabitauntes haue continually, tyme out of mynde, come and resorted vnto the saide parryshe church of whytegate, within whiche time they haue continually receyued sacramentes and sacramentals at and in the said parryshe church of whytegate, and haue continually bled to mary bury and chrysten within the same: And now of late at the dissolucion of the said late monastery, the said bulles and other wytynges, concernynge the said vsurped auctoritie, were by the kynges Surueyors burned & destroyed, by occasion wherof the byrat of the parryshe of Duer, within the said countie, wolde nowe disturbe the said tenauntes and inhabitauntes of their saide parryshe church, and wolde deduce them from their said most accustomed parryshe church of whytegate, vnto his said church of Duer, being foure or fve miles distant from their saide houses and tenementes, which not onely shuld be to the great peines trauayle and discommoditie of the saide tenauntes and inhabitauntes, but also therby myght growe, that suche laufull marriages shuld be aduoyded as haue heretofore ben solempned in the face of the said church of whytegate, beyng as he affirmeth, no parryshe church, women might also lose their dowres, with manyfold other losses greuances and inconueniences, that were likely to ensue vpon the same. In auoyding wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, his lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the said church of whytegate shall be the parryshe church for all and singular the tenauntes and inhabitantes aforesaid: and that the sayde church shall be named and called from hencefozth, The parryshe

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the church of our blessed ladye the virgin of whitegate, and the aforesaid tenantes and inhabitauntes, shall be discharged of any further refozte or repaye to the said church of Ouer, and that the person vicar and curate of the said parische church of Ouer, and euery of them, and the successours of them and euery of them, shall be discharged of the cure of the said tenantes and inhabitauntes.

AND be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that one Richard Beuton clerk, now incumbent of the same church of whitegate, and after him some other sufficient and laufull person to be named and appointed by the kinges highnes, shall be vicar perpetuall in the said parische church of whitegate, and haue perpetuall succession in the same, and that he & his successours shall be called vicars of the parische church of our blessed ladye the virgin of whitegate, and shall be inhabled by auctorite of this acte, to sue and be sued by that name in all courttes and places in this realme: And that the aduouson donation and presentacion of the said vicarage, shall apperteyne and belonge to the kinges highnes his heires & successours: and that as well the said newe firste vicar named as aforesaide, as all other vicars hereafter to be named of the said church of whitegate, shall be presented instituted and inducted so and by the ordinary & ordinaries of the same place, where the saide church is situate, as other persons and vicars of this realme ben accustomed: And shall paye the firste frutes and tenthes of the said vicarage vnto the kinges highnes his heires and successours, accordyng to the rate and value thereof. And that also the same vicar and his successours shall haue and perceyue all the tithes offertinges oblations obventions and other ecclesiasticall dueties and rightes, that shall perly growe and be due by the customes of the realme & ecclesiasticall lawes of the same, to be payed had or made by the aforesaid tenantes and inhabitauntes, except onely the tythe of cozne, which shall be payed and satisfied from henceforth by auctorite of this acte, to the kinges highnes his heires successours and patentees of the same.

AN acte concernynge the privileges of Wygge towne vpon Hull. Cap. xxiii.



OR as much as the kinges towne vpon Hull is situate and builded in length by the haven of the said towne of the part of the east, and by the water of Humber of the parte of the South, and for the sauegarde tuition & defence of the same, the said towne is compassed and enclosed with great walles dyches and bankes from the southeaste ende of the said haven, as wel towarde Humber as of the west & of the north vnto the North ende of the said haven, And towarde the mainfenaunce supportacion and upholdynge as well of the saide walles dyches and bankes, as of other clothes flowes getties gutters gootes and other fortresses there made for the defence

defence of the saide towne and of the saide haven, the mayze burgeses and
 communitie of the said towne of Hull haue vsed time out of mynd by their
 officers or ministers of the same towne, to leuie take and haue of al inhabi-
 tauntes of every such townes in the countie of Suffolke and Norfolke, as
 pretende to be priuiledged in the said kynges towne vpon Hull, of every last
 of hearynges brought thither by shipp to be solde. xx. d. and for every hun-
 dreded saltfische. iiii. d. and for every last of spaytes. viii. d. And also of all in-
 habitauntes of all other townes in the saide countie of Suff. and Norf.
 and elles where, of every laste of hearynges broughte to the kynges sayde
 towne of Hull by shipp to be solde. ii. s. iiii. d. and for every hundreded saltfische
 iiii. d. and for every last of spaytes. viii. d. And now of late in the xxvii. yere
 of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the kinge that now is, it was enacted
 by auctoritie of parliament, that the mayze of the saide towne of Kynges-
 towne vpon Hull and his successours, and all other officers and ministers
 of and within the saide towne, shulde from henceforth permitte and suffer all
 the inhabitauntes of the said countie of Suff. and Norf. & from any other
 place thither repayinge with vitayles, at all times for euermore betwene
 the feastes of all Saintes & the Annunciation of our lady, liberally & freely
 without interruption or impediment to conduct & bringe their hearynges,
 and other fishe to the said towne, and there to bitter and sell the same, as wel
 by water as by lande, by retails or ingrosse, to whom so ever & whan, within
 the saide time before expressed, thei or any of them shall thinke most expe-
 dient for their owne profutes and commodites, without any maner of toll
 custome imposition or other exactions or charge to be demaunded leuied or
 taken of the seller and buyer of the same by the saide mayze or any other offi-
 cers or ministers of. or within the saide towne or porte of the same for the
 said hearynge or other fishe, or for the ships or other vessels wherein the same
 hearynge or fishe shalbe so be brought or conducted to the saide towne: re-
 cepte onely suche summes of money as hereafter ensueth: that is to saye, of
 every shipp thither repayinge with hearynges or other fishe, as is aforesaid,
 beinge of the burden of. xx. tunne or vnder, and not aboue. v. s. And of every
 shipp thither repayinge with hearynges or other fishe, beinge aboue the
 full burden of. xx. tunne. vi. s. viii. d. and not aboue, as by the saide acte or
 statute, made in the saide. xxvii. yere, moze playnely maye appere. Withens
 whiche acte of parliament made as is aforesaid, the saide walles byches
 bankes, and also setties, elowes, stowes, goottes, gutters and other fortifi-
 ces about the said towne, as is aforesaid, haue muche fallen to ruine and
 decaye, because the mayze burgeses and communitie of the said towne, whi-
 che haue most parts of their luynges by trade of traffhandise beyond the
 sea, be not able ne of power to mainteyne the saide walles byches bankes
 setties and other the premisses agens the saide water, and to supporte and
 beare such other great yerey expenses costes and charges, as yerey charge
 within the saide towne excepte thei might haue towards the same charges
 such summes of money as thei besoretyme haue ben accustomed to haue of
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the said by the said and other inhabitants as is aforesaid, And if the said
writs by the said and other the premises shall be so maintained supported
and defended against the said by the said by the said by the said by the said
of the said of the said of the said of the said of the said of the said of the said
In consideration whereof be declared by the by the said by the said by the said
by the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in the present
parliament assembled, and by authority of the said, that the said act and
statute made in the said. xxv. yere, concerning the same, as in the
maye and commonalty of the town of Hull, and every thing therein con-
tained, maye be from henceforth in future and by the said by the said by the said
shall be lawful to the maye and burgeses of the kinges towne
upon Hull, and their successors mayes and burgeses of the same, and all
other officers and ministers thereof, the same things from thenceforth, as
all things hereafter, to receive and take of all and every the inhabitants
and by the men of the said counties of Hull and York and of all other
places to the said towne of Hull for such hearth taxes, rates, and
all other duties by them or any of them hereafter to be levied to be
paid unto the kinges said towne of Hull, the summes of money as here-
after followeth, that is to saye, for every lath of hearthnges of every person
privileged. xx. d. for the lath and for every hundred lathes of the same and for
every lath of spatters. viii. d. And of every person not privileged for every
lath of hearthnges. ii. s. iii. d. and for every hundred lathes of the same. x. s. and for
every lath of spatters. viii. d. as aforesaid the said act made in the said. xxi. yere
of the reigne of our said souerayne lord the kyng, the said maye and bur-
geses have used and accustomed to take, any thinge expressed or conteyned
in the said acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

It is provided alwaies, and be it also enacted by the authority aforesaid, that
this acte or any thing therein conteyned or expressed, shall not extend nor in
any wise be hurtful or prejudicial to charge or oner any other borough or
towne within this realme, or the inhabitants of the same, or any of them,
for any more or other custome imposition or payement, otherwise than they
or any of them of right were charged or charged before the makinge of
the said act and statute, made in the said. xxi. yere, any thinge expressed or
conteyned in this present acte to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

In acte for the towne of Lyne touchynge the re-
vocation of two sayes. Cap. xxviii.



WHERE the kinges maiesty of his most abundant goodnes
hath by his letters parentes, under his great seale of Eng-
lande, bearinge date the. vii. daye of July, in the. xxix. yere
of his moste gracious reygne, graunted to the maye and
burgeses of his borough of kynges Lyne, in his countie of
Norfolke, that they & their successors shall have and hold
within

within the said borough the said letters or marks currente from thenceforth
 that is to say one sayre the next day after the feast of the Assumption of our
 blessed lady the virgin and to endure by. vi. dayes next and
 immediately following the same daye. And other of the said sayres or mar-
 tes to be holden the next day after the feast of the Purification of our ble-
 sed lady the virgin and to endure by. vi. dayes next immediately following
 the same daye as by the said letters patentes amonges other chinges man-
 plainly maner. For so much that as well the burgeses and inhabi-
 tantes of the said borough of kynges Lene, as many and diuers other per-
 sons dwellinge within the said borough of kynges Lene, haue by the said
 letters patentes made, regrated and gotten into their habes and possession
 great number of salte fish, as lunge loch codde salte salmon, stockfish and
 bearynge to the great hinderaunce and losse of many of the kynges bur-
 tes, that exteely haue repaired and comen to strete byge sayre, & for sayre
 other sayres & markets in the countie of Cambridge and Huntingdon, and
 other shires for the prouision of salte fish and bearynge for their house-
 des, and for the prouision of diuers other shires within this realme of en-
 glande, whiche regratynge is contrary to a common welthe, and to diuers
 statutes in that case prouided, and contrary to the good intent and meaning
 of the graunt of the said letters patentes, comprised or specified in the
 said letters patentes. It be therfore enacted by the kyng our souerain
 lord, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this pre-
 parliamēt assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the graunt made
 by the said letters patentes of the said two sayres or marttes, with al li-
 ties onely concerning the same shall be from henceforth frustrate void
 of none effecte: Saupnge alwaies & referynge to the mayre and burgeses
 of the borough of kynges Lene, in the countie of Dorsethe, and their suc-
 cellours, al other liberties fraunchises commodities, profits, and all o-
 thinges what so ever comprised or specified in any letters patentes made by
 the kyng our souerain lord, or by any of his noble progenitours, or by any
 other concerning the borough or towne of Lene, by what name or names
 ever it is or hath ben called, or concerning the burgeses & inhabites of the
 said borough or towne of Lene, or any of them, or the succellours of any
 of the, by what name or names so ever they be or haue ben incorporate named
 or called, so that this acte or any thing therein containede shall not in any wise
 extēde or be expounded to make frustrate void, or to take away any thing
 cause or matre but onely the said two sayres or marttes, any thing con-
 tained in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

CAn acte concerninge the condites at Gloucester. Cap. xrb.

VHERE before this time the towne of Gloucester, now lately called
 the cite of Gloucester, and the inhabitants and residents within the
 same, haue ben reasonably furnyshed comforted & refreshed with good

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and cleane running water, plyinge out of the heades of freshe springes, situate and beinge within one myle and halfe distaunt from the saide citie, in one hill there called Wactons hill, otherwise called Robyn Hoodes hill: and for the preservation and continuance of the said heades and springes, there is and long time heretofore hath ben erected and builded by the inhabitants of the same newe citie, sundry conduite houses of lymie and stone, and from thence the saide water hath ben conveyed vnder erthe in pypes of lead, into divers places of the saide citie, and also to the cloyster and houses of the late dissolved monastery of saint Peter in the same citie, now lately transfarred & stablyshed by the kinges maiestie into a cathedral church of bishop deane and chapter, whiche said freshe running water is and hath ben not onely a great refreshyng comforte and comoditie to all the kynges subiectes, inhabitynge within the said citie, but also a singular pleasure to all estrangers repayinge to the same: Cyl now of late the said springes have ben and yet be much dyed wasted and consumed, so that throughte the wante and scarcitie of water in the saide springes, lyttell or noo water as they have cometh or cometh from thence to the condites & vsuall places in the said citie or mynster, by reason wherof if some speedy remedy be not founde and provided for the conueyaunce bypyng and leading of other waterspringes nowe also beinge in the said hill, nor far distance from the said olde heades, to the pipes gutters & trenches of the same olde heades, now conveyinge and conveyinge the water to the saide citie and mynster, the kynges subiectes inhabitynge within the same citie, for lacke of the saide water, shall be much greued annoyed and molested, for as much as freshe and pure running water is and hath ben noted to be one of the mooste necessities comforte and refreshyng to all cittes and townes within this realme. In consideration wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soveraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from the feast of Easter nexte commyng it shall be lawfull to the mayre of the said citie of Gloucester for the tyme beinge, and also to the deane of the saide mynster or cathedral church and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, at all times after the saide feast of Easter, as neede shall requyre to dygge and breake grounde for the conueyaunce of the saide water in all places, in or vpon the said hill, so that the place or places so broken dygged or trenched, be not aboue halfe a myle distaunt from the places where the said olde conduites heades be nowe alreedy builded and erected, & in suche places whereto shall be thought most apte and necessary by the artificers and workemen of the said mayre or deane for the tyme beinge, to serche or fynde any newe springe heades in any place within the said precincte afore mencioned. And vpon the same newe springes so found lautfully to erecte & edify newe conduit houses, & there to dygge and make ditches banckes and trenches, and other convenient and necessary thinges for the continuance therof at all tymes hereafter, at the libertie and pleasure of the saide mayre and deane and

their successors for evermore. And also from the said newe springes to ca-
 rrey the water in pipes of leade gutters & trenches, vnto the other pipes of
 leade apperteynyng to the said olde conduites heades, and by suche or like
 polycy and meanes to byrnyng and conuey the hole water from all the layde
 heades and springes, vnto the said cytie and mynster, for the comon wele
 vtilitie and reliefe of the same citie and mynster, and the inhabytantes of the
 same. And thus to be done and executed with the petye maintenance and
 reparations of the same, as nede shall require fro tyme to tyme, alwaies here-
 after. And further that the said mayre and deane and their successors, and
 euery of them, for the dyggyng and breakynge of any such ground or soyle
 in any the places aforesaide, and for the purposes aforesaide, shall within
 xx. dayes nexte after any suche grounde broken by the labourers or work-
 men of the said mayre or deane, for the ententes and purposes aforesaid, sa-
 tisfye contente and paye vnto the owners or possellours of the sayde soyle or
 grounde so broken or dygged, as much money for the same dyggyng and
 breakynge, as shall be adiudged and tared by the determination & iudge-
 ment of. iii. or. iiii. indifferent men, inhabytyng within the parryshe, where
 the place so broken builded or trenched is or shal be, and that to be doon
 evermore hereafter. And the same. iii. or. iiii. men alwaies hereafter shall be
 chosen and named, as wel by the owner or possellour of the grounde so bro-
 ken for the tyme beyng, as also by the said mayre or deane for the tyme be-
 yng, by whose commaundement any suche grounde or soyle shall be at any
 tyme hereafter so digged or broken: And all such summes as after the saide
 feast of Easter shall be tared by the saide. iii. or. iiii. men for the tyme beyng,
 so named and chosen for satisfaction of any such trespass or trespasses, shal
 be payde and satisfied by the said mayre or deane for the tyme beyng, with-
 in. iiii. dayes nexte after the saide taracion or iudgement so made and ge-
 ded, vpon peyne of the said mayre or deane so offendynge denpence. or. re-
 mpyng the payment therof for euery suche offence to forsayte. xlii. s. iiii. d. the
 one halfe of whiche saide forsaytute shall be to the kynge our. soueraygne
 lord, his heyres and successors, and the other moytie to any of the kinges
 subiectes that wyl sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of recoorde,
 by action of dette byl plainte information or other wise, in which action byl
 or plainte no wager of lawe protection nor esoyne shall lye. And neuerthe-
 lesse the partie, whose grounde hereafter shall be broken, for none payement
 of all suche summes of money, as by the said. iii. or. iiii. men for the tyme be-
 yng, shall be tared and adiudged for the doynge of any such trespass at any
 tyme or tymes, shall haue an action of det agaynst the said mayre or deane,
 by whose commaundement any such ground shalbe so broken, in any of the
 kynges courtes of recoorde, for the recovery of the same det so tared, in whiche
 action no wager of lawe protection nor esoyne shall lye. And if it shall
 happen, that the saide. iii. or. iiii. men hereafter so to be chosen, as is aforesaid,
 do not or shall not agre in makynge any suche taracion for any suche
 offence or offences to be done within the sayde tyme of. iiii. dayes to them
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also lyttled, nor that the said mayre or deane for the tyme beinge, do not offer or tender to the partie so greued, a resonable amēdes and satisfaction for the breaking dygging or trenchyng his or their said ground, that than the partie or parties so greued, and whose lands or soyle shal be so hereafter subuerted and broken, shall haue his lawfull remedy against the said mayre or deane for the tyme beinge, by whose commandement anye suche soyle or grounde, shall be for the purpose aforesaide dygged or broken, by action of trespass, and to recouer damages for the same, any thyng in this present act mentioned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

PROVIDED alway and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if the said mayre or deane, their successours workemen or seruantes, or any of them, at any time or tymes after the saide feast of Easter, be or shal be disturbed letted or withstandinge, to dygge buyde heades of cōdytes dyches or trenches in any place or places, in or vpon the saide hyl, within the precincte to them afoze lyttled, or in any other place or places from the hyl vnto the said cite, for the necessary reparation and amendement of any the pyppes of leade hereafter to be crafed or broken, which dothe conuey the said water to the same cite or mynster, by any owner owners or possessours of the same grounde, or by any other person or persons at any time or tymes hereafter: that than euery such person owner possessor or personnes so byturbinge, wylfully lettynge or molestynge any the workemen of the said mayre or deane, shall forsaite and lose for euery such disturbaunce and dypper, &c. The one halfe of which said forsaiture, shall be vnto the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heires and successours, and the other moytie to any of the kynges subiectes that wyl sewe for the same in any the kynges courtes of recorde, at any time hereafter by action of det bylle plaint information or otherwyle, in whiche no wager of law protection nor essoyne shall be allowed.

An acte for reparyng of Canturbury, Rochester, Stampforde and diuers other towne. Cap. xxxvi.

FOR AS MUCH as in tymes past diuers and many beautilfull houses of habitation haue ben within the walles and liberties of the cite of Canturbury, the cite of Rochester, the boroughes and townes of Stampford, and great Grimesby in the county of Lyncolne, the towne of Cambridge in the county of Cambridge, the borough or towne of Derby in the countie of Derby, the borough or towne of Gilsforde in the county of Suff. the towne of Dunwyche in the county of Suff. the boroughes or townes of the synke portes with their members, the towne of Welles in the county of Suff. and the towne of Buckingham in the countie of Buckingham, which now are fallen downe decayed and at this tyme remain vntreedified, lying as desolate and voyd groundes, & many of them adioynyngh vnto the high stretes replenshed with muche ordure filth & vnclean.

buttances, with pates sellers and baulkes strong ope and vntcovered, to the
 great peril and danger of al the inhabitants & other the kinges subiectes
 pallinge by the same, and tolke howses be very weake and feble reed to fall
 downe, and be very dangerous to passe by, to the great decay and hindre-
 rance of the said viues borowghes townes and linke portes. It may ther-
 fore be enacted by the kinge our soueraine lord, the lordes spirituall and
 temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the
 auctorite of the same, that if any person or persons or bodie politike, being
 owners and possioners of any such desolate or voide groundes, that at any
 tyme within five & forty yeres next before the making of this acte, haue bene
 builded for houses of habitacio, or for any house or houses of habitacio now
 or hereafter being in decay and not fully fallen downe, within the lyberties
 and precinctes of any of the said borowghes townes and places, do not suf-
 ficiently reedifie builde and repaire, or cause to be reedified builded and re-
 paired the said desolate voide groundes and decayed houses conuenient for
 habitation and dwelling, within two yeres nexte after proclamation to be
 made in or vpon the same voide groundes or groundes, decayed house or hou-
 ses, by the maires aldermen and burgesses, or other hed officers within the
 precincts of their owne auctorities, that than it shall be lawful for the chiefe
 lord or lordes immediate, of whom such desolate and voide groundes, de-
 cayed, and ruinous houses be holden after the said two yeres be expired, to
 entere into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses, with the cus-
 tillage backeside and garden adjoining to the same, if they be of the inheri-
 taunce of the owne or owners of the said decayed house or ground, and to
 ceede not one acre of ground, to them and to their heires or successours, or
 to their owne proper vse for euer, so that the said lord or lordes immediate
 entring by the auctoritee of this acte, doe sufficiently reedifie builde or re-
 payre the same voide groundes or decayed houses, within two yeres and an
 halfe, next and immediately folowing the determination of the foresaid first
 two yeres. And in case such lord or lordes, as may enter by this acte, do not
 enter and well & sufficiently reedifie build or repaire the same void ground-
 es or decayed houses, within the said two yeres and an halfe to them limi-
 ted by this acte, or if such lord or lordes immediate, as may enter by this
 acte, do sufficiently reedify builde and repaire the same void groundes or de-
 cayed houses, within the said two yeres and an halfe to them limited, and
 after that their heires or successours suffer the same houses or voide ground-
 es to fall in ruine and decay and do not build or reedifie the same sufficien-
 tly within two yeres and an halfe of such tyme or decay: that than it shall be
 lawful to all person or persons or bodie politike, as shall than haue any rent
 charge jointly or severally going out of the said void groundes or ground-
 es, or decayed house or houses, in any of the said citie borowghes townes
 or places immediately after the said two yeres and an halfe expired, to enter
 into the same, and to haue possesche of them their heires and successours, to
 their owne proper vse, as shall so builde the said void groundes or decayed
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houses, by auctoritie of this acte, the same boyde groundes of houses, with the curtilage backesyd and garden adjoining to the same, if thei be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the said decayed house or ground, & excede not in quantitie one acre of ground, discharged of all rentes goynge out of the same groundes of houses, as wel against the said lord and lordes immediate, as all other person or persones or bodies politike, haupnge any rent or rentes charges or rent secke out of the same, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough town or place, or some parcel therof, so that the said person or persons or bodies politike, haupng the said rent charge, entringe by the auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedify build & repaire the same desolate and boyde ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within one yere and.iii. quarters next and immediatly folowng the determinatiō of the said two yeres and an halfe, to the said lord or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case such person or persons or bodies politike, haupng any of the said rentes charges, as may entre by this acte, do not enter and wel and sufficiently reedifie buyld or repaire the same boyd groundes or decayed houses, within one yere & thre quarters to them appoynted by vertue of this act: or yf thei or any of them haupnge suche rent charge, and that may enter by this acte, do sufficiently buyld and repaire the same boyde ground or groundes, or decayd house or houses, within the said one yere and.iii. quarters to them limited; and after thei their heyres or successours, suffer the same boyd ground or groundes, house or houses to fall in ruine and decay, and do not buyld or reedifie the same sufficiently within one yere & thre quarters after suche ruine or decay: that than it shalbe leful to the mayres aldermen and burgesses, & other the head officers of the said citie boroughes townes & places, by what name or names so ever they be incorporated and their successours, & euery of them within the limittes of their auctorities immediately after the said yere and.iii. quarters expyred, into euery such desolate and boyde groundes decayed or ruinous houses, to enter, & to haue holde & enjoy to them and their successours for ever, to their owne uses, the same groundes or houses and euery of them with the curtilages, gardes, & backside to the same, if thei be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the said decayed house or ground, and excede not in quantitie one acre of grounde clerely discharged of all rentes goynge out of the same groundes or houses, as wel agaynst the said lord or lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, haupng such rent charge or rent secke, as befoze is said, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough town or place or parcel therof. So that the same mayres aldermen and burgesses or other head officer as is aforesaid, or their successours for the tyme being, do reedifie buyld or repaire, or cause to be reedified builded or repaired, the same ground or groundes house or houses within.iii. yeres next, and immediatly folowng the determination of the said yere and.iii. quarters, limited or appointed to suche pson or persons or bodies politike, that haue or shal haue any rent as is aforesaid: And in case the said mayres aldermen

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and burgesses, or other head officers as is aforesaid, or their successors, do not enter and reedifie builde and repaire the same void ground or groundes decayd house or houses in forme aforesaid, within the said terme of xii. yerres after their saide entree, or if thei sufficiently reedifie buylde and repaire the same void ground or groundes, or decayd house or houses, within the said thre yerres to thein limited by this acte, and after thei or their successors, suffer the same house or houses, void ground or groundes to fall in ruine any decay, and do not build and reedifie the same sufficiently within thre yerres after suche ruine or decay: that than it shalbe lefull to the firste owner or owners, possessor or possessours of such void ground or groundes, decayd house or houses, their heires or successors, immediatly after the said thre yerres, to the said mayres aldermen & burgesses, and other head officers as is aforesaid limited, expired, into the same houses ground or groundes, curtilages, gardeins, and backesides to entre, and the same to retaine to them, their heires and successors, as in their firste estate, any thing conteyned in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, be not in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to any person or persons, being at the time of the saide proclamation made, under the age of xxi. yerres, or beinge feme covert, or in prison, or beyonde the sea in the kynges warres, or in his other lefull affaires, or to any person or persons, not beinge than of hole and perfect memory, duringe the tyme that suche person or persones, shal be within age, married, in prisonne, or of imperfecte memory, or beyond the sea, so that the same person or persons, their heires or successors, after that he or they come to their full age of xxi. yerres, or be unmarried, out of prison, or come againe within this realme, or be of hole & perfect memory, within xii. yerres than next ensuyng, do reedifie the same desolate or void groundes, or repaire the said decayd houses.

¶ An acte touchyng the honour of Amptkyl. Cap. xxviii.



¶ Consideryng that the kynges most excellent maiesty myndeth and intendeth, by the grace of god to erecte builde and edifie vpon his graces manour of Amptkyl in the countie of Bedf. sumptuous stately beautifull and princely buyldynges structures and edifices, & the same as his highnes hath already with goodly & parkely parkes, to hereafter with diuers and sundry other lyke thynges of pleasure delite and commoditie, to beautifie adorne and decorate, mete apte and conuenient for the long reueruation of the kynges most royall person at such tyme and times as his maiesty shall haue accesse to the same: It cometh therefore very behouefull expedient and requisite, that not alonely to such a palace royal, manours possessions and other hereditamentes should be knytte buyt & annexed, correspondent and agreeable to the worthines and dignitie thereof, but also bought of all

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of all conuencieney in reason to be ordained and set forth with the name and
 title of an honour, thereby insinuatynge and declaryng, that the thing shal be
 no lesse honozable and princely in riche and saire possessions, than itatly &
 commodiouse, as well in thinges of pleasure, as in sumptuous and costely
 buyldynges. wherfoze be it enacted byedned and established by the kyng
 our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall,
 and the comons in this ppresent parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie
 of the same, that all and singular manours parkes messuages sytes of mo-
 nasteries graunges landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruices, and all
 other hereditamentes libertties & commoditties, lyenge oꝛ being in the ham-
 lettes towne and parishes of Ampthyll, Mylbroke, Fletewike, Malden,
 Steppingle, Westoning, Houghton, Congest, Wythamstede, Lyttelington,
 Busbondcrauley, Rigemond cum Sageno, Alpeley, Gers, Cliphil, Caynoo,
 Shelloze, Cranefielde, Dolorchyl, Parlyngton, Codynghon, Barton,
 Shillington, Chalgraue, Marston, Wooburne, Guertal, Milton, Brian,
 Warden, Elstowe, Caudewell, Donistable, Salforde, Holcoote, Bedforde,
 Wotton, Kemton, and the manour of Colmewoꝛthe, in the saide countie of
 Bedforde oꝛ in any of them, oꝛ els in the hamlettes towne oꝛ parishes of
 Newbortpanell, Tykfoꝛth, Mols, great Lydfoꝛth, litel Lydfoꝛth, Stewke-
 ley, litel Wyckhyll, Boobyckhyll, Wauendon, north Crauley, and Swan-
 borne, oꝛ in any of them in the countie of Duckyngham, oꝛ els where within
 the realme of England, belongyng oꝛ appertaynyng to any manour lyeng
 oꝛ being in any of the towne oꝛ parishes aboue mencioned, wherof and of
 the whiche our said souerayn lord the kyng is at this ppresente sealed of an
 estate of inheritance, shal from hensfoꝛth he perpetually knit annexed and
 whited to the said manour of Ampthyl, and be taken adiudged and demed
 as part parcell & member of the same manour. And that the same manour
 of Ampthyl, togyther with all maner landes tenementes and other the pre-
 mises aboue recited, so whited & annexed to the same manour, accordyng as
 is aboue expessed, shal fro hensfoꝛth be perpetually called and named the
 honour of Ampthyl. And that the same, which heretofore hath ben taken foꝛ
 the manour of Ampthyl, shal fro hensfoꝛth be taken and adinged the chiefe
 principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Ampthyl, and
 also that all & singular other manours messuages landes tenementes ren-
 tes reuertions seruices and other hereditamentes, lyeng oꝛ beyng in any of
 the hamlettes, towne, oꝛ parishes aforesaid, with their rightes members
 and appurtenances, wherof, & of the whiche the kyng our said soueraigne
 lord, his heires oꝛ successours, shal be at any tyme hereafte sealed of estate
 of inheritance by purchase eschere foꝛfeiture oꝛ otherwise, shal immediate-
 ly after such purchase foꝛfeiture eschete oꝛ otherwyle cummyng to the han-
 des of his highnes, his heires oꝛ successours, be from tyme to tyme buyted
 annexed demed and adiudged to all ententes and purposes, as part parcell
 and member of the said honour of Ampthyl.

And furthermoze bee it enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that all syn-
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gular the tenants, as wel freeholders and copy holders, as other, and all and singular persons, which owe suite to any of the said manours, or to any lete or lawday to be holden within the precinct of any of them, & the heires successors and assignes of euery of the said tenants shall doo their suites seruices and customes, and pay their rentes to the saide sundry manours, & in such time as thei dyd and ought to do before the makynge of this present act. And that the said tenants and suiters and euery of them, or the heires successors or assignes of them or euery of them, at any tyme, hereafter, shal not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be compelled to do or pay at ne in any other place or places, nor any of the feuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged other wyse than thei were or ought to do & be before the makynge of this acte, any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

Provided alwaies, that this act or any thing therein conteyned shal not be prejudicial or hurtfull to any person or persons, their heires executors successors or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or covenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manours and other the premises or any parte or parcell therof, or of any leases grauntes or covenantes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the said manours landes tenementes and other the premises, wherof the kinges highnes his heires or successors shal hereafter be seased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfeiture escheate or otherwise, as is aforesaid lyng or beyng in any of the said hamlettes townes or parishes, by the owners of the saide manours landes tenementes and other the premises or any parte or parcell therof, or by any of their aunccestours or predecessours, or by any person or persons lawfully aucthorised by them or any of them, for any demise lease or graunt therof so made or to be made: Sauyng alwaies to euery person and persons bodyes politike and corporate, their heires executors successors and assignes and euery of them, other than such bodys politike and corporate, and other persons as were or hereafter shal be partes and pryncipall to the bargaynes sales giftes or grauntes of the said manours and other the premises or any parte therof, and their wyues beyng examined accordyng to the lawe of this realme, their heires and successors, and the wyues so examined and their heires, and the heires and successors of euery of them, all suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes for terme of lyfe lyues peres or otherwise, and all grauntes liberties priuileges iurisdictiones auctorities franchises rentes charges profits covenantes and all other commoditie or commodities, whiche thei or any of them, haue myght or ought to haue, or hereafter shal or shuld haue, in or to the premises or any parte or parcell of them, in such maner and fourme as though this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary therof had neuer ben had nor made, any thing in this present act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Be it also further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde borough of Imptihill, and all the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditaments

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mentes and other the premises above rehearsed, shall from henceforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernance of the court of Augmentacions of the revenues of our soueraigne lord the kinges crowne, and to be granted lette and sette to ferme by the officers & ministers of the same court, in suche maner and forme, as other the manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court ben and ought to be letten or granted. And that at the fermes issue revenues and profits comynge and growyng of the premises, and of every parte therof, shalbe taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the ministers and officers of the same court, in suche maner and forme as is vsed and had of other manours landes tenementes comyngeth to the order suruey and gouernance of the said court of augmentacions, any act statute ordynance custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

An acte concerning the honour of Grafton. Cap. xxxviii.



HOR diuers sundry bygent & necessarye causes and considerations the kinges maiestie specially mouyng, Be it enacted ordeined and established by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all those his maiesties hundredes of Wymlersley & Alfordes howe, and all those his graces forrestes whetwood and Sawsey, and all that his chace of Yardeleye in the county of Northhampton with all and singular their membres rightes and appoyntmances, And all that his highnesse chace of Whaddon in the countrey of Buckyngham, with all and singular his rightes, membres, and appoyntmances, and all and singular manours, parkes, messuages, scites of monasteries and priories, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes reuercions seruises, and all other hereditamentes liberties and commodities, lyeng or being in the hamlettes townes and parishes of Grafton, Hertwell, Asheton, Roode, Coztuall, Alderton, Stoke breuern, Shittil anger, Shoresley, Blyfeworth, Hylton, Hallswoth, Cusilde, Ballispery, Colletour, Ciston, Huleote, Northrop, Folcot, Greinnoxton, Blakesley, Woodend, Colehigh, Grimescot, Gaito, Batfel, Elcot, Alcot, Dalecot, Bugthoke, Raddishrup, Collingthigh, Hardingston, Wotton, Quinton, Slopton, Denfanger, Yardeley, Botterspery, Furthoo, Colsgroue, Castil Wyby, Wyken and Delapery in the said county of Northampton: And in the hamlettes townes & parishes of Luffilde, Hanslappe, Casteltown, Hartham, Shenley, Lytleboxewood, Snelloe, & Lyttell Lydforth, in the said county of Buckyngham, and els where within the realme of England, belongyng or appertaynyng to any manour or hundred, lyenge or beinge in any of the townes or parishes above mentioned, wherof and of the whiche our said soueraigne lord the king is at this present seased of an estate of inheritance, shall from henceforth

forth be perpetually knyt annexed & united to the said manour of Graston and betaken adjudged and demed as part parcell and member of the same manour: And that the same manour of Graston together with all manors landes tenementes and other the premisses about rentes, to be united and annexed to the same manour, according as is above expressed; shal from hence forth be perpetually called and named the honour of Graston: And that the same which heretofore hath been taken for the manour of Graston, shall on the first day of May next commynge be taken and adjudged the chiefe principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Graston: And also that all and singular other manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuerfions services and other hereditamentes, lying and being in any of the hamlettes townes or parishes aforesaid, with all the rightes membres and appurtenances, wherof and of the whiche the kyng our soueraygne lord his heires or successours, shall be at any tyme hereafter seased of estate of inheritance by purchase of cheste forsaithure or otherwise, shall immediately after suche purchase forsaithure, or otherwise commynge to the handes of his highnes, his heires or successours, be from time to tyme united annexed demed and adjudged to all intenes and purposes, as part parcell and member of the said honour of Graston.

AND further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that all and singular the tenants, as wel freeholders & copyholders as other, and all singular persons, whiche shal suite to any of the said manours, or to any lech or lawday to be holden within the precinct of any of them, & the successours and assignes of euery of the said tenants, shall do theiir suites services and customes, and pay theiir retes to the said sundry manours, and in such tyme as thei did and ought to do before the making of this present act. And that the said tenants & suites or any of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or any of them, at any tyme hereafter, shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other suites suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be compellyd to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged otherwise than thei were or ought to do, or be before the making of this act, any thing therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alway, that this act or any thing therein conteyned, shall not be prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, theiir heires executors successours or assignes, for any leases demyses grauntes or couenauntes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the said manours and other the premisses, or any part or parcell thereof, or of any leases grauntes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the said manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, wherof the kinges highnes his heires or successours shal hereafter be seased of estate of inheritance by purchase forsaithure of cheste or otherwise, as is aforesaide, lying or being in any of the said hamlettes townes or parishes by the owners of the said manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, or any part or

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parcell therof, or by any of thei? auncetours or predecessours, or by any o-
ther person or persons lawfully auctorized by the or any of them, for any de-
mpt lease or graunte therof to made or to be made: Savinge alwayes for
any person and persons bodies politike and corporat, their heyres succe-
ssours and assignes, other then such bodies politike and corporat,
and such other persones as were or hereafter shall be parties and vi-
cines to the bargaynes sales hyres or grauntes of the sayde manours and
other the premises or any part therof: & their wyues beinge examined of the
same at the requeste to the lawes of the realme, their heyres and succellours, &
the wyues so examined, and the heyres and succellours of every of them all
suche right title vse interest possession lease leases terme termes for terme of
lyfetyes or pores, or other wise: And all grauntes liberties rentes charges
profites covenantes and all and every other commoditie or commodities,
which the or any of them have might or ought to have, or hereafter shal or
shuld have in or to the premises or any parte or parcell of theim, in suche
manner and fourme, as though this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned to
the contrary therof had never ben had no, made, any thing in this presente
act to the contrary not withstandinge.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the last honoz
of Grafton, and al the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and o-
ther the premises aboue rehearsed, shal from henceforth be in the order suty-
rull and gouvernauce of the court of Augmentations of our said souerayn
lode the kynges crowne, and to be graunted lette and sette to ferme by the
officers and ministers of the same court, in suche manner and fourme as
other the manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court, ben
ought to be letten or graunted: And that all the termes yeres reuenues
and profites commynge and growyng of the premises & every part therof,
shal be taken and receyved to the kynges vse by the ministers and officers
of the same court, in suche manner and fourme as is used and had of other
manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes committed to the or
our sutyry and gouvernauce of the saide court of Augmentations, any acte
statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or used to the contrary
therof not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that
this acte ne any thing therein conteyned be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull
to the iustices wardens stewardes leutenantes and clerkes of the swan-
nimates of any forrestes parkes or chases conteyned in this acte, for or con-
cernyng any of their offices powers or auctorities, but onely for and concer-
nyng surueying of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any of the
said parkes forrestes or chases, & the punysshment of the offendours therein,
and the namynge rulyng and orderyng of the verderours therof.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the maister of
the woodes of the sayde court of Augmentations, or other officers of the
same court, shal petely pay or cause to be payde of such summes of money

as shall yerely rise and come of the woodsales to be made of within the same
 parkes forrestes and chaces aforesaid, all and all manner of fees and charges
 as of olde tyme hath bene accustomed to be payde for the assize of the same
 office within the said parkes forrestes and chaces according to the custome
 and by writing therof to be made unto the saide master of the woodes
 and from the iustices of the forrestes or any of them or any their deputies
 deputies to the same office sealed and subscribed by them or any of them
 And it is also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that the saide master
 of the woodes for the tyme beinge shall make payment of all and all manner
 of reparacions needful to be done in and upon any pale raille and lodge with
 in any of the said parkes forrestes & chaces and assigns tymber for the same
 upon any request therof to be made in writing by and from the said iustices
 of forrestes: And the saide master of the woodes shall allowe all manner
 of fuel and broule to be spent and occupied within the saide parkes forrestes
 and chaces as it hath ben of olde tyme there used and accustomed
 And it is also provided and enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that
 the master of the woodes shall not make any woodsale within the parkes
 chaces and forrestes aforesaid or any of them, but by the assent of the iustices
 of forrestes for the tyme beinge, within whose auctoritie suche forrestes
 chaces and parkes bene, any thinge in this acte contained to the contrary
 not withstandinge.
 PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid
 that the termes rentes suites and services of such and as many of the said
 manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes mentioned in this acte
 belonging to the duchy of Lancaster, and countie Palatine of Lancaster
 or to either of them, shall be answered and payde in the court of the duchy
 chamber at Westmynster, or to the receyvers generall & other ministers
 of the same court, in like maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene used
 and accustomed. And that all leases hereafter to be made of any of the said
 manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belonging to the said
 chye, shall be made under the seale of the duchy of Lancaster in like maner
 and fourme as heretofore hath bene used, this acte or any thing therein con-
 tained to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that
 the said master of the woodes shall not make any woodsale within the parkes
 chaces and forrestes aforesaid or any of them, but by the assent of the iustices
 of forrestes for the tyme beinge, within whose auctoritie suche forrestes
 chaces and parkes bene, any thinge in this acte contained to the contrary
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 and accustomed. And that all leases hereafter to be made of any of the said
 manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belonging to the said
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 and fourme as heretofore hath bene used, this acte or any thing therein con-
 tained to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

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An acte concerning the erection of the court
of Suruepours. Cap. xxxii.



WHERE in the parliament holden at London, the .xxv. daye of Apryll, in the .xiii. yere of the reygne of our most soveraigne lord the kyng that now is, and from thens proroged to westminster the last daye of July, in the .xxv. yere of the reygne of our sayde soveraigne lord, and there then holden, one acte of estatute was made and ordeined by our said soveraigne lord the kyng, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in the saide parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that diuers and many honours castelles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as wel in England and wales, as in Cales and the marches of the same, whiche in a Cedule to the said act annexed, be expressed, were appointed to be vnder the suruey letting and lettyng of diuerse persons by the kinges highnes commission assigned, whiche by the said acte be named and called, the kinges generall Suruepours of all and singular the premises, befoze whom all recepuots bayliffes and other officers and ministers, and all other person and persones shuld be accountable, of and for all and enery the premises, as by the saide acte moze playnly at large maye appere. The said acte to endure vntill the laste daye of the parliament than nexte and immediately ensuyng, which saide nexte parliament, begonne at London the thirde daye of Nouember, in the .xiii. yere of his graces most noble reygne, & from thens adiourned vnto westm, and there also vpon diuerse prorogations continued and holden the fourth daye of february, in the .xxvii. yere of his said reygne. It was then and there by auctorite of the same parliament ordeined and established, that the said former acte shulde from thense forth continue for ever, as by the same acte amongst other thinges therein contained, moze playnly is shewed and may appere. And for as much as al and singular the premises be appertayning to the kinges most royal maiestie, as in the righte of his imperiall crowne of this realme, which crowne so being imperiall, it is very necessary and expedient, that all possessions landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, being any part parcell or membze therof, shuld be of such nature qualitie and condition, as one hole and perfitte body vndismembzed: so that the officers therof appointed by the kynges highnes, shulde haue no necessitie, to haue aid or assistance of the auctorite and power of any other court or iurisdiction, of or for the orderinge surueyng lettyng lettyng of any of the premises, of or for leuieing of al and singular the termes rentes yssues profittes and commodities of the premises, of for the determination and iudgement of any maner cause or causes that myght happen to growe insurge or ryse, in or about the same, or any parte therof, wherein the kinges maiestie is partie. Therfoze as well for the good ordering, and for moze speedy and due administration of Justice to be had of and concernyng all and singular such the

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kynges honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, prestis and summes of money, comprised in a cedula signed or hereafter to be signed with the kynges sygne manuell, with the yssues and profyttes of the same, to be truly answered to the kynges highnes his heires and successours. And to the intent the kynges saide excellentie maiestie, his heires and successours may the more truly and speedily be answered contented and paid of the rentes yssues fermes reuenues and profyttes, risynge comynge and growinge, of which hereafter shall ryse come or growe, of in and vpon all and singular the honours castels lordshypps manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaide, with other the premises, whiche be comprised in the saide cedula, signed with the kynges signe manuell, or hereafter shall be expessed in any other Cedula hereafter to be assigned, as is aforesaid, in suche courte place maner fourme and condicion, as hereafter shall be declared lymitted and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed, by thassent of the kinges saide maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this his present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme, as herafter followeth in articles, That is to saye.

1 **C**fyrst the kinge our foueraigne lord, by auctoritie aforesaide, ordeineth maketh establissheth & erecteth a certayne court, comonly to be called, The court of the generall Surueyours of the kinges landes: whiche court, by auctoritie aforesaide, continually shall be a courte of recoorde, and shall haue one priue seale to be engraue and made after such fourme faction & maner, as shall be appointed by the kynges highnes: which said seale shall remaine and be in the order and keepinge of the same Surueyours, that shall be first named in the kynges letters patentes: and in his absence to be lefte to the nexte officer to be named in the said letters patentes: and in his absence to the thyrde officer to be named in the saide letters patentes.

2 **A**nd be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that there shall be certayne persons to be named by the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, which shall be called the kynges generall Surueyours of the kynges landes, and thei so named by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, shall be one entier officer, and shall be the first and principall officer in the said court.

3 **A**lso it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesaid, that such persone as now is and hereafter shall be Treasourer of the kinges chaumber, shall be alwaies Treasorer of the reuenues of the said court, and shall be officer of the same court nexte vnto the saide Surueyours.

4 **A**lso there shall be one other persone lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kynges highnes, which shall be called the kinges Atturney of the said court, and shall be the thyrde officer of the said court.

5 **A**lso there shall be one person to be named by the kinges highnes and his heires, whiche shall be called the maister of the woodes comynge growynge and being in and vpon the premises or any part parcell or member thereof, and shall be the fourth officer of the same court.

Also there shalbe as many auditours in the same court, as by the kinges highnes and his heires shal be appointed, whiche shal be callyd auditours of the reuenues of the said court.

Also there shalbe likewise as many receyuours in the same court, as by the kinges highnes and his heires shal be named and appointed, whiche shal be callyd receyuours of suche reuenues, as to them shal be appointed by the kinges letters patentes.

Also there shalbe one person in the said court, to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called clerke of the same court: And one other pson, which shal be called vsher of the same court: And one other person, which shal be called messanger of the same court, which clerke vsher and messenger shalbe named by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, and every of them shal haue such yerely fees rewardes and profittes, for the executing of the said several offices, as the clerke vsher and messenger of the duchy chamber at westm, haue had and perceyued befoze this time.

Also the sayd surueyours, which shal be appoynted by the kinges highnes, shal take a corporall othe befoze my lord chauncellour of England for the time beyng after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere, that ye well and truly shal serue the kinge in the sayd office of the general Surueyours of the reuenues of his court, called the court of generall Surueyours of his graces landes, and shal minister equall iustice to riche and poore, to the best of your counning wyte and power: And that ye shal diligently procure all thinges, whiche may honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profite, and to the augmentation of the rpyghtes and prerogattives of his crowne: and truly vse the kinges seale appoynted to your office: And also endeavour your selfe to the vttermost of your power, to se the king truly answered of all such rentes reuenues pssues and profittes, whych shal or may growe in your office, and from tyme to tyme deliuer with spede such as shal haue to do befoze you: And that ye shal not take or receyue of any person, any gyfte or rewarde, in any cause or matter depending befoze you: or wherein the kinges highnes shal be pattie, whetby any prejudice hynderance, losse, or disherison shal growe or be to the kinges highnes, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

Also that the sayd treasurer shal take a corporall othe befoze the sayd chauncellour, according to the tenour ensuyng: ye shall sweate, that ye shall well and truly serue the kinge our soueraigne lord and his people, in the office of Treasurer of his highnes court of generall Surueyours, and ye shall trewably and honestly procure the kinges profite, and do right to all manner of people poore and riche in those thinges, whiche touche your office: And the kinges treasure ye shall truly kepe and dispende, and true declaration and accompte therof shal make from tyme to tyme without any condelement, to and befoze suche person and persons as shal be named and appoynted by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours for the same: And further shal do every thing, that of right appertayneth to your office:

to helpe you god and all saynctes.

11 **A**lso the sayd Atturney shal take a corpozal othe befoze the sayd general surueyours accozdinge to the tenour ensuinge. Ye shall sweare, that ye well and truly shall serue the king in all places, for oꝝ concerninge any matter oꝝ cause that shall concerne oꝝ touche the possessions and hereditamentes, limited to the suruey and gouernance of this court, and procure the kinges profite therof: And ye shall truly counsell the kinge and the Surueyours and Treasourer of this court in al thinges concerning the same, to the best of your counninge witte and power, and with all speede and diligence from tyme to tyme, at the callinge of the sayde surueyours & treasourer, you shall endeuour your selfe for the heringe & determination indifferentlye of suche matters and causes, as shall depende befoze the sayd surueyours and treasourer: And that ye shall not take any gift oꝝ rewarde in any matter oꝝ cause depending in the same court oꝝ els where, wherin the king shalbe partie, wherby the kinges maiestie shalbe hurted hyndred oꝝ dishenricited: and further do all and euery thinge, that shall appertayne vnto your office, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

12 **A**lso that the mayster of the sayd woodes shall take a corpozall othe befoze the sayd generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuing: ye shall sweare that ye well and truly shall serue the kinge our soueraygne lord in the office of maister of the woodes of this court, and that ye shall make true sale and sales of al woodes and vnder woodes, belonging to your office, accozding to the auctoritie giuen vnto you by this acte of generall Surueyours oꝝ any other act oꝝ actes to be made concerning the sayd generall surueyours for the kinges most aduantage, and nothing concele, but trewe accompte make of all summes of inoney, receyued for the same, and al other profittes, wherwith ye shalbe lawfully charged by reason of your sayd office: ye shall make no petition, nor aske allowaunce, but suche as shalbe good iuste true and reasonable: And ye shall do all and euery thing and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, accozdinge to the fourme and effect of this acte, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

13 **A**lso that euery of the sayd auditours shall take a corpozall othe befoze the sayd generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuing: ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kinge in your office, and shall not take oꝝ receyue of poore oꝝ riche, any gift oꝝ reward, in any matter oꝝ cause depending oꝝ to be discussed in the same court, but such as shall be your oꝝdynary fees: And ye shall do all and euery other thing, which shall appertayn vnto your office, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

14 **A**lso that euery of the sayde receiuours, shall take a corpozal othe befoze the sayd generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuing, ye shall sweare, that ye truly shal serue the king in your office, & nothing cocele, but true accopt make of all suche reuenues, rentes, summes of money, and other profittes, wherwith ye shalbe lawfully charged by reason of your said office: you shall make no petition nor aske allowance, but suche as shall be good iust & true and

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and reasonable: And ye shall do all and every thinge and thinges, whiche ye ought to do: by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so god you helpe and all saintes.

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Also the said clerke of the court shall take a corporall othe before the said generall Surueyours after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kinge in your office of clerke of the said court, and truly do and execute all and every thinge and thinges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte. And ye shall also be attendaunt vnto the saide generall Surueyours from time to time, as they shall requyre you, to helpe you god and all saintes.

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Also that the said Mesſenger shall take a corporall othe before the said generall Surueyours of the said court, after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well & truly serue the kinge in your office of Mesſenger of this court, as well in ſpedy ſeruyng all and ſingular proceſſes to you to be deliuered without fraude conynge or deſpyt, as also makinge true and ſpedy certifiſcat to this court of the ſame; and that you well & truly do and execute all and every other thinge and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your ſaide office, so helpe you god and all ſaintes.

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Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that as wel all the ſaid honours caſtels lordſhipps manours mores landes tenementes rentes ſeruitutes tithes pencions portions aduouſons patronages forreſtes parkes chaſes warrens woodes vnderwoodes and all other hereditamentes, as also all other thinge and thinges mentioned in the ſaide Cedula, ſigned with the kynges ſigne manuall, or whiche hereafter ſhall be compriſed in any other cedula, hereafter to be ſigned by the kynges maſtelie, as is aforesaid, and deliuered to the ſaid generall ſurueyours, ſhall be onely in the order ſuruey rule and gouernaunce of the ſaid court.

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AND be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the ſaid general ſurueyours Treasourer attourney and maſter of the woodes, or thye of them, wherof the one of the ſaide generall ſurueyours ſhalbe one, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie from henceforth, to call beſoſe them all and ſingular ſurueyours, bayliſſes, and all other officers and miniſters, accountable to the kynges hyghneſſe, and every of them, and all and every other perſone and perſonnes, that now be, or that hereafter ſhall be accountable, chargeable, or aunſwerable to the kynges hyghneſſe, or for any thinge or thinges compriſed or conteyned in the ſaide Cedula, or that hereafter ſhall be compriſed in any other cedula, ſigned with the kynges ſigne manuall, and deliuered to the ſame Surueyours, as is aforesaid, and ſhall haue full power and auctoritie, from henceforth, to compelle the ſaide accountable, to accompte beſoſe them, and also to examine, here, and determine their accomptes, and all circumſtaunces thereof, and to do, and execute all and every thinge and thinges, in and vpon every of the ſaide accomptes as well for the ſure payment and ſatisfaction of ſuch rentes, ſeruites, pſues proſpytes, reuenewes, dettes, and dueties, as bene or ſhall growe vnto the

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kynges highnes by reason of the same, as in and for allowaunce and pay-
mentes of fees wages diettes reparacions vacations rates resolute rewardes
oz other thynges what so ever by them thought requisite and conve-
nient by their discretions. And generally shall have full power and aucto-
ritie, to leue oz cause to be leued to the kynges use by al wayes and meanes
by their discretions, all and singular the rentes fermes profits revenues
profytes arrerages dettes and dyettes; that shall growe and be due to the
kyng, of m. oz by reason of the honours castelles manours landes tenand-
tes and other hereditamentes, committed oz to be committed by auctorite
of this acte, to the surer rule order and governaunce of the saide countre
surueyours, and of the officers and ministers thereof aforesaid. And that the
saide general Surueyours Treasourer Attourney and maister of the woodes,
oz thre of them, as is aforesaid, from henceforth, shall have full power
and auctoritie, to comppite all and every the said accomptes; and other
persons, owyng any dettes oz dute to the kynges highnes, by reason of the
premisses; or any of them, to payen, as wel if they be founde in arrerages
upon their accomptis, as if any of them do refuse to make their accptes, as
is aforesaid, oz pay their said dettes; and to let them to baile and mainprize,
oz to any other suretie at all times, as they by their discretions shall thinke
reasonable, as well for the sure payment thereof, as also for the contentation
and payement of all such arrerages forsettes dettes and peynes as any of
the saide accomptaunces; oz other shall be founde in: and all other thynges
concernyng the premisses; and every parte of them; as to thein shall seeme
conuenient. And that the said general Surueyours Treasourer Attourney and
maister of the woodes, oz thre of them, as is aboue saide, shall have full
power and auctoritie, to acquitte and discharge all and every accomptant and
accomptates, that haue oz shal finishe and determine his oz their accompt
oz accptes before them, and all and singular other persons, that shall pay
justly and trewly their dettes due to the kyng by reason of the premisses
oz any of them. And that al and singular acquitaunces and Quittances sig-
ned by the said general Surueyours Treasourer Attourney and maister
of the woodes, oz thre of them, as is aboue saide, shall be entolled in the
cordes before them; and shall be a good sufficient acquitaunce and discharge
to the partie oz parties, to whom they shalbe made, to and for al maner such
accomptes dettes and other thynges; for oz concernyng the premisses; in
any parte oz parcell thereof.

¶ Be it also enacted, by the said auctoritie, that the said general Suruey-
ours, shall have full power and auctoritie from henceforth, to conuenant di-
mit let oz let to ferme; for terme of xxi. yerres, oz vnder; to any persone oz per-
sons, any of the landes tenementes hereditamentes oz other profites what so
ever that be, conteyned in the saide redule, oz whiche hereafter shall be com-
piled in any other redule, to be signed & deliuered as is aforesaid, oz kno-
wen reputed oz taken, as parcel of the landes tenementes oz hereditamentes
conteined in the saide Cedule, oz in any other Cedule hereafter to be signed
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and deliuered as is aforesaid. And also all and every the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which be or hereafter shall be conceived and established in any chamberlaynes accomptes, receyours accomptes, bayliffes accomptes, ministers accomptes, or the accomptes of any officer or officers, which may by force of this acte, or by auctorite of any *Sedule*, signed or hereafter to be signed, and deliuered, as is aforesaid, be viewed examined, seen or controlled by the said surveyours, by what soeuer name or names the said landes tenementes and other the premises, or any of them be called: the same lease or leases to be made in maner and forme followinge. That is to saye, that all and every byll or bylles of lease of any of the premises, for terme of xx. yerres or vnder, wherof the yerly ferme or rent reserved shall extend and amount to the yerly value of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. or a bond, that shall hereafter signed with the handes of the said general surveyours, shall be a sufficient & immediate warrant vnto the kinges principall secretaire for the time being, to make or cause to be made in the kinges name, letters of warrant sealed with the kinges signet, accordinge to the tenour forme, and estate of the saide byll or bylles, to the lord keeper of the hyuges priuite seale: and thereupon the lord priuite seale shall make or cause to be made other letters of the warrant, sealed with the priuite seale, to the lord Chauncellour of England, or lord keeper of the kinges great seale, Chancellour or chamberlaynes of any his counties Palantines, or principalltie of wales. And that the same warrant vnder the priuite seale, shall be a sufficient & immediate warrant to the Chauncellour of England that now is, or that hereafter shall be, and to the Chauncellour & chamberlaynes, & other officers of the counties Palantines and principalltie of wales that now be, & that hereafter shall be, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges great seale and other his graces seales, being in their custody, in due forme to be made according to the tenour effect purpoze and course of the said priuite seales, to them in that behalfe directed accordinge to the acte therof made, in the xviii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord the kinge, payinge and payyng suche fees for the same, as well to the signet and priuite seale, as in the kinges Chancerye, as hath ben vled and accustomed: and also payyng such fees to the said Chauncellour and Chamberlaynes: and other officers of the said counties Palantines, Chester, wales and marches of the same, as also heretofore hath ben vled for the same. And that all and every byll and bylles of leases of any the premises, for terme of. xxi. yerres, or vnder, wherof the rente and ferme reserved shall be vnder the yerly value of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. and signed as is aforesaid, shall be a sufficient and immediate warrant to the Chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, and to all other the kinges Chauncellours, Chamberlayns and other officers in the countie Palantine of Chester and wales, and the marches of the same, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges great seale and other seales, accordinge to the tenour purpoze effecte and course of the saide byll vnto all and every the aforesaide parties.

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Condunded also that the said general Surueours for the tyme being, that hereafter, by auctorite of this acte, make any lease of the reuerſion of any of the said landes tenementes and other the premises being then in lease, vntill they haue a writ or warrant therof signed by the hande of the kinges maiestie, his heires or successours. Also the said Clerke for the tyme being of the said court, shall enroll and register in a great booke of parchment, all and euery lease and leases, and all other writings, whiche shall be made and graunted as is abovesaide, of for or concernynge the premises, or any parte or parcel thereof: which register or entollementes shall continue and be safely kepte in the said court, as a record to the kynges vse, by the appoyntment of the said general Surueours. And that also the said clerke shall entre into a booke the apayntmentes of euery person, that shall be called to appere in the said court: and all actes decrees and orders that shall be made by the said court, takynge such fees for the same, and for writynge, & entollynge of any leases, letters patentes, or other writings as the clerke of the Duchy of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take & haue. Also the said general Surueours Treasurers Secretrie and Maister of the woodes, or thys of them, as is abovesaide, shall haue power and auctoritee, to take recognisances for all causes and matters nowe dependynge before the said general Surueours, or that hereafter shall depende in this court of general Surueours, of for or concernynge the premises, or any parcel thereof, or of and for any dettes to be due to the kyng, or for any apparauce to be made in the said court by reason of the same: and to cancell and discharge all such recognisances by their discretions. And also that haue full power and auctoritee, to awarde vnder the priuy seale apointed to the same court, in the kinges name such processe & preceptes, with reasonable peines to be therat lymitted, as he now commonly vsed in the court of the kinges Duchy chamber of Lancaster, agaynst euery person or persons what soeuer they be, for or concernynge any thyng or thinges lymitted or appointed to the order or suruey of the said court, for any the causes or matters aforesaide, and vpon any contempte to punish the offendour by lympponment, or other wyse by their discretions.

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Also it is ordeined by the auctorite aforesaid, that the said officers apointed to the said court, shall diligently from tyme to tyme attende vpon the said general Surueours in the said court or els where, at the commaundement of the said Surueours, for the hearyng and orderynge of matters and causes concernynge the same.

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And be it also enacted, that euery of the said recepuours general and particular, shall well diligently and effectually gather and leupe to the kynges vse, all such pssues fermes dettes and profits as shall be lymitted to his or their charge, and distraine for the same, if nede so requyre. And that euery of the said recepuours and auditours general and particular, so lymitted together by the appoyntment of the said court, or the most parte of them, shall well and truly suruey all maner of reparations, nedefull to be done in or

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Upon any of the said manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes limited and appointed to his or their charge: the said reparations to be done to the kinges most profit and least charge.

And also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesaid, that all the rentes termes p'sues dettes & profitos of the said honours castles lordshippes manours landes tenementes, and of all other the premises, whiche be assigned to the order suruey and gouernance of the said court, as they shall growe due & be payable, shall be paid and deliuered at suche time, as hereafter in this acte shall be declared, to the handes of the sayde Treasourer, by euerie of the sayde receiuours general and particular, or by suche other as shall be inducted to the king, to be safely kept to the kinges vse, upon payne of forfeiture of his or their offices and fees.

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And also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said auditours, as they shall be assigned, shall verely ride to the partie to him or them to be limited, betwene the feast of saint Michael the archaungell and the Nativite of our lord, & take the accompte of all bailiffes reues fermours tenants and occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the limites of his or their assignment. And immediately upon euerie suche accompte, so to be made and determined, or before the said feast of the Nativite of our lord, the said accomptantes and euerie of them, shall well and truly content and pay, or cause to be contented and paid to the receiour therunto deputed, or to be deputed, all suche dettes bueties and arerages, as they and euerie of them shall be found in, and charged with upon euerie such accompt, upon payne of forfeiture of his or their offices and fees.

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Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all Receiuours & Chamberlaines now accomptantes, and all other receiuours and Chamberlaynes, whiche hereafter shall be accomptantes, of or for any the premises contained in the said Cedula, upon like paine as is aforesaid, shall verely before the first daie of Marche make and synishe their accomptes, before the auditour or auditours, therunto to be assigned, of and for all thinges belonging to their offices, for the hole yere ended at the feast of saint Michael the archaungell next preceding the said first daie of Marche: And immediately upon the same accompte so to be made finished and determined or before the xx. day of Marche then next followinge, shall contente and pay to the said Treasorer, all suche duties, dettes and arerages, as they or any of them shall be charged with and founde in, upon the determination of euerie suche accompte, upon like paine, as is aforesaid.

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Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the sayde auditours Receiuours generall and particular, at all times upon warninge giuen to them by the said court, shall assemble together, as well for the ordering of the said honours castles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other the premises, as of the tenants of the same, from time to time, as the case shall requyre, as for the viewing and determination of the said accomptes

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tes to be made therof befoze the sayde court.

27 Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayd, that all the accoptes of euery pere to be ended at the feast of saynct Michaell the archaungell, of the sayde receyvers Chamberlaynes bailiffes reues fermours and occupiers of the said honours manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes afoze sayde, shalbe well and perfectly engrossed in parchement by the sayd audytours, and delluered into the sayde court, safely to be kepte to the kinges vse euery pere perely befoze the Natyuite of sayncte John Baptist nexte ensuyng the sayd feast of saynct Michaell tharchaungell, vpon paye to forsayte theyr office and fees.

28 Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Treasourer of the sayd court shal perely accompte befoze the sayd generall Surueyours & tourney & payster of the woodes, oꝛ afoze the mozte parte of them, oꝛ afoze suche person oꝛ persons, as the kinges highnes his heyyes and successours, shal therunto name and appoynt, as well of for and concerning all and euery the receptes issues and profittes of his office of Treasourer ship of this court, as of all and euery the receptes yssues profittes dettes and thynges concerninge his office of treasourer ship of the kinges Chamber: and that they so heringe the same accompte, shal haue full auctoritie and power, to allowe and disallowe vnto to the sayd Treasourer al and euery thing oꝛ thynges to be allowed & disallowed vpon his accompte, as by theyr discretions shal be thought mete and conuenient.

29 And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the clarkes of the pety bagge in the kinges Chauncery, shal extrete and certifie into the sayd court of generall Surueyours a true and iuste transumpt of all offices & inquisitions hereafter to be found and taken, of for and concerning any castels honours manours landes, tenementes hereditamentes oꝛ other possessions, whiche at any time hereafter shal come and be in the kinges handes and possession, by reason of any attandout couetion oꝛ other forsaiture, be it by wytt commission oꝛ otherwise returnable in the sayd Chauncery, in like maner & fourme as they haue be accustomed to do in the kinges Eschequer in suche cases, and vpon like payes, and shal not from hensforth be compelled to certifie any transcriptes of such offices oꝛ inquisitions into the kinges Eschequer as they were accustomed, any lawe statute custome oꝛ other thinge oꝛ thynges to the contrary therof had, oꝛ made in any wyse not withstanding. And that all inquisitions hereafter to be taken Virtute officii, for oꝛ concerninge the pzemisses oꝛ any of them, shal be immediately returned and certified into the sayd court of Surueyours and not elles where, vpon lyke paye as is limited and hath be vfed for none certificate of suche offices into the kinges eschequer, any lawe vse oꝛ custome to the contrarye not withstandinge.

30 And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd maister of the sayde woodes for the tyme being, shal suruey oꝛ cause to be surueyed, as wel all the woodes and bnderwoodes, which be oꝛ hereafter shal be wytt in the

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in the order suruey and rule of the said court, as all and singular the wood-
des and underwoodes in the kinges forrestis chases parkes and landes of
his highnes olde enheritaunce of his crowne from time to time, as he shall
thinke conuenient by his discretion, and shall haue full power and auctori-
tie by the assent of the said court, without warrant of the kinges highnesse,
to make sale and sales of all and singular the said woodes and underwoo-
des vpon open proclamations thereof to be made in the church market or
other place nexte adioynynge to the same woodes so to be solde, forseyge
alwayes that the saide woodes be fensed from tyme to tyme, as neede shall
require, for the increase thereof.

Provided alwayes that the said sales of woodes do not extende to great
tymber, without the kinges warrant for the same.

Also be it enacted by auctozitie aforesaid, that al and singular such sum-
mes of money, as shall be receyued for the sale of the saides woodes and vn-
derwoodes or any part of the same, shall be deliuered perely befoze the feast
of all Santes by the saide maister of the woodes, to the Treasourer of the
said court for the tyme beinge to the kynges vse.

Also be it enacted by auctozity aforesaid, that no tymber or woode requi-
re necessary for the reparations of any the castels manours places mes-
suages tenementes pales and rayles of parkes, as wel such as be in the oc-
cupation tenure and holdinge of any the kynges fermours and tenauntes,
as also all other which be in the kynges handes, beyng any of the castelles
monours places messuages or tenementes aforesaide, shall be taken for the
same, onelesse they be appointed and deliuered by the Payster of the saide
woodes for the tyme being, with the assent of the said court, within whose sur-
uey the said woodes are growynge.

Also be it enacted by auctozitie aforesaide, that the Payster of the saide
woodes shall make perely in the terme of saint Michael the archangel a ful
true and perfecte accompte befoze the said court, of al and euery the woodes
as well of for and concernynge all and euery sunnie and summes of money,
concernynge the said office, as of and for all and euery other thing and thinges
that shall belonge and apperteyne to the same.

Also be it enacted by auctozitie aforesaid, that the saide general suruey-
ours and maister of the saide woodes for the tyme beyng, shall declare perely
to the kinges highnes the profits and summes of money comynge grow-
ynge and risynge of and vpon the sale of all and singular woodes within his
saide office.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctozitie aforesaid, that this act
be any thing therein conteyned, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to the
Justices wardens stewardes lieutenantes or clerkes of the swannimotes
of any forrestes parkes or chases, for or concernynge any of their offices po-
wers or auctozities: but onely for and concernynge surueyenge of woodes
and woodsales to be had and made in any parke forrest and chafe, and the
punysshment of the offenders therein, and the namynge culyng and orderynge
of the

of the herbage therof.

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And it is enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the maister of the woodes shall verely pay or cause to be payde of such summes of money, as shall percomise and come of the said woodsales, so to be made in parkes foresses and chaces of the kynges olde enheritance of his graces crowne, all and al maner of fees and wages, as hath bene of olde tyme accustomed to be paid by the kyng for the exercising of any office within the saide parkes foresses and chaces, according to a certificat by writing therof to be made vnto the saide maister of the woodes, by and from the Justices of foresses or any of them, or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

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And it is also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the said maister of the woodes for the tyme being, shall make payment for all and al maner of reparacions needful to be done in & vpon any pale raile & lodge within any of the said parkes foresses and chaces, and assigne timber for the same, vpon any request therof to be made in writing, by and from the said Justices of foresses. And the saide maister of the woodes shall allowe all maner of fowle and vpon to be spend and occupied within the saide parkes foresses and chaces, as it hath ben of olde tyme there bled and accustomed.

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And it is also provided and enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any wood sale within the parkes chaces and foresses aforesaid, or any of them, but by the assente of the Justices of foresses for the tyme being, within whose auctoritie suche foresses chaces and parkes benne, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

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Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kynges Exchequer to or against any persone or persons, for any fermes rentes issues or profits, or other thinges concerning the premises, or any part thereof lymitted by this acte to be in the surney order & gouernance of the saide court and the ministers therof shalbe clerely voyde and of none effect.

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Also it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said generall surueyours and Treasourer shall verely declare to the kynges highnes the state of the clere verely value of the said honours castels lordshippes manours landes tenementes rentes pensions portions tithes and other hereditamentes, and other the premises, and what remaineth thereof in the handes of the saide Treasourer.

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Provided alwaies and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al such manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuertions and other hereditamentes, whiche in any maner of wyse heretofore hath bene or hereafter shalbe in the handes or possession of our said soueraigne lord the king, his heires or successors, by auctoritie of any atteinder & chete or forfeiture, felonyng and being in the countie Palantine of Lancaster, may at the free will liberte and pleasure of our said soueraigne lord be assigned lymitted and appoynted

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appoynted into the order surueying letting and setting of the Chancellour & officers of hys sayd duchy, in as large & ample maner & forme as the sayd chancellour & officers of the sayd duchy of Lancaster, haue heretofore had vied & exercised of or vpon any the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes apperteyning or in any wise belonging to the sayd duchy, thys acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that as well the sayd acte of the generall Surueyours, made in the sayde. xliii. and. x. yeres, as also the sayd acte therof made in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of our sayd soueraynge lord king Henry the eight that now is, and every article clause and matter therein conteyned, shall be from the first day of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. llii. utterly voyde and of none effecte.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all leases grauntes processe orders decrees and all & every other thing or thinges heretofore lawfully executed and done by the sayd generall Surueyours and all and every other thinge or thinges now remayning or dependynge before them vndiscussed and vndetermined by vertue of the sayd former actes, shall be of the same force value strengthe and effecte, as they now be or should haue ben, if this acte had neuer be had or made.

Provided also that this acte nor any article clause or thing therein conteyned, shall extende to any landes tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, whiche now be or hereafter shall be in the suruey rule order and gouernace of the kinges court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of hys crowne, nor shall giue power vnto the sayd court of Surueyours to make any lease or to take any accompt of or for the same, any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

Provided also that this acte ne any thinge therein conteyned, extend or be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to any the general surueyours now beinge, nor to any auditour or auditours, receiuer or receyuers, surueyout or surueyours, or to any other officer or officers, of for or concerninge anye of the sayd castelles honours manours landes tenementes hereditamentes profittes or casualties, or any other the premises, or any parte thereof: but that they and every of them shall & may haue & enjoy their offites, accordyng to the purport tenour and effect of their severall letters pattentes & grauntes as well of the kinges maiestie as of any other person, therof to them & every of them heretofore made, any article clause or matter in this present acte mentioned or declared to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

And where the kinges highnes of late, by auctoritie of parliament holde at westm in the. xxvii. yere of his graces raigne, hath erected a certain court called the court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crown, and by the same made the same a court of recorde: and by the same act hath assigned limited and appoynted diuers manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes to be in the order suruey & gouernace of the same court, with others other articles and clauses in the same acte expessed & declared. And

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where also by one other act of parliament, begun and holden at westm, the
xxviii. date of April, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of the kinge our soueraigne
lord, and by diuers prozogations continued untill the. xxv. daye of Maie,
in the. xxii. yere of our saide soueraigne lord: It was enacted and establi-
shed, that certain liberties franchises iurisdiccions and preeminences con-
cerning the same manors landes & other hereditamentes, shuld be reuined
& be in the order rule and suruey of the same court, to al intentes & purposes
as by the same acte made in the said. xxii. yere of the reigne of our said soue-
rain lord, at large doth & may more painlie appere: Be it now ordeined esta-
blished & enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the same
acte concerning the establishment of the said court of augmentacions of the
reuenues of the kinges crowne. And also the said acte for reuinding of liber-
ties, shal fro hensforth for euer stand & abide in their full strength effect & ver-
tue after & according to the true intent & mening of the same seuerall actes a-
foresaid. ¶ And where the kinges maiestie for diuers considerations & res-
pectes hath taken bought and purchased diuers of sundrie his graces sub-
iectes forcedy money, promised to be payde by his graces officers & turney-
ours diuers manors landes testites rentes reuercions woodes & other here-
ditamentes, as wel by final parcels as otherwise, & part therof hath ben en-
closed into parkes orchardes or gardens, & the partie or parties haue not
ben paid for lacke of warrantes signed by the kinges most gracious hande
& haue ben compelled oft & sundrie times to resort to officers of the said court
of augmentacions, for the spedie paymēt of their said dutie or duties, to their
inestimable costes & charges: And where also diuers & sundry of the late go-
uernors & rulers of houses of religion, now remaining in the kinges handes
were & be iustlie & trulpy indettēd, & do yet ow to sundrie of the kinges subie-
ctes being very pooze mē, as wel for wages bitailes prouision of their houses
& money lent & other iust true & good causes, converted to the vse of thei
houses, manie & great sūmes of money, for the paymēt wherof the same par-
ties haue made & dayly do make continual complaintes & suite to the same
court of augmentacions for their spedie paymēt: and many of the same par-
ties satisfied & contented by the said court of augmentacions, & as yet a great
number of them be to be satisfied contented & paid, which paymentes & satis-
factions as wel made as to be made, do require especiall warrantes signed
with the kinges most gracious hād, the lacke wherof hath be & is like to be
not only a great delay to the kinges true & louinge subiectes, for the spedie
payment of their dets & duties to thē due, but also shuld & shalbe a tedious
& a continual traueyl vnto the kinges maiestie for the ofte signing of the same
In consideration wherof be it enacted ordeined & established, by the auctoritie
of this present parliament, that as well al paymentes & satisfactions heretofore
paid as hereafter to be paid by the treasurer & ptticular receuers for the time
being of the same court, by the decree or comandemēt in writing of the char-
ter, by the assent of the counsell of the same court, or the more parte of thē, for
the purchasing or bieng of any manors landes tenementes or other heredi-
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timentes already bought purchased or enclosed by the kinges command-
 ment his heires or successours, or hereafter to be taken bought purchased
 or inclosed, as is aforesaid, as also for the recompence and satisfaction of al
 lawful good true and iust dettes and expences, as well payde as hereafter
 to be paid by the said tresorier or particular receiuer or receiuours, by the
 warrant of the said Chauncellour in wryting, by the assent of the said coun-
 cell or the moze part of them, as is aforesaide (not excedinge to any one per-
 son. C.C.li) shal be good and effectuell in the lawe agaynste our sayde soue-
 rayne lord the kynge, his heyyes and successours for euer, to all ententes
 and purposes: And that the sayd tresorier and particular receiuer, their
 heyyes executors and administratours, for the saide several paymentes by
 warraunt wytten of the sayde Chauncellour in fourme aforesayde, shal be
 clerely exonerated acquitted and discharged to all intentes and purposes.
 And that the same tresorier & receiuer and receiuours their heires executors
 and administratours, shalbe allowed discharged & acquitted therof vpon his
 or their deelaracion of accompt befoze the Chauncellour & counsaile of the
 same court, or vpon his or their accompt made to the auditor appoynted or
 assigned by the sayd Chauncellour, to take and here the accompt of the same
 Tresorier or receiuer or receiuours, their executors or administratours.
 And where diuers and sundrie oblygacions and specialties heretofore
 haue ben made to diuers persons, part of them to the vse of king Henry the
 vii. father of our now most gracious soueraigne liege lord, and part of them
 to the vse and behoef of our said nowe soueraigne lord: Be it enacted by the
 king our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempo-
 ral, and the commons in this pzent parliament assembled, and by thauctori-
 tie of the same, that al oblygacions and specialties, which after the first day
 of May next cumminge, shalbe made for any cause or causes touching or in
 any wyse concerning the kinges most toyal maiesty or his heyyes, or to his or
 their vse comodite or behoef, shal be made to his highnes and to his heires
 kinges in his or their name or names by these wordes, *Domino regi*, and to
 none other person or persons to his vse, and to be payde to his highnesse by
 these wordes, *Soluend. eidē domino regi*, heret. *vel executoribus suis*, with
 other wordes vsed & accustomed in comon oblygaciōs. And that al such ob-
 ligacions & specialties so to be made shalbe good and effectual in the lawe
 to al purposes & intentes, and shalbe in the same nature kind qualitie force
 and effect to al intentes & purposes, as the wrytinges obligatori taken and
 knowleged accoꝝding to the statute of the staple at westm bath at any time
 befoze the making of this pzent act, ben taken vsed exercised & executed a-
 gainst any lay pson or psons, any law vsage or custome to the cōtrary ther-
 of notwithstanding. And shal such oblygaciōs & specialties, the det whetof
 being not paid nor cōtented in the life of the kyng, shal come remain & be to
 the heires or executors of the king, at the fre libertie dispositiō assignment
 & apointment of the same king, to whom such oblygaciōs or specialties shal
 be made as is aforesaid. And if any pson or psons in his or their own proper

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person, or persones after the sayde first daye of Maye, make or take any obligation or obligations to the vse of the kinges maieste, or of his heires kinges, otherwise then befoze is expessed, that then such person or persones only that shall so offende, contrary to this present acte, for his or theyrs so doing, shall haue & suffre such imprisonment as shall be assessed and adiudged by the kinge or his most honorable counsel, dayly attendant vpon his highnes most royall person. And that all suites to be made after the fyrst daye of Aprill next comming for the recouerie of or for anie the kinges dettes, in any the kinges courtes mencioned in this acte, of or vpon any obligation or specialty dated or deliuered befoze the makinge of this present acte, or whiche shall be dated and deliuered to the king or to his vse, afoze the second daye of May next coming, shall be taken seue and pursued in the name of the king and in the name of none other person or persons, to what so euer person or persons the saide obligation or specialties or anye of them, be haue ben or shall be made to the kinges vse. And that all suites proccesse iudgementes decrees & executiōs hereafter to be taken pursued or giuen for the king in any the kinges courtes, mencioned in this acte, of for or vpon any the same obligations last afoze mencioned, shall be of the same or lyke strenthe force effect and intent in the law to all purposes onely agaynst all and all maner suche person and persons as ben bounden in such obligations or specialties, as well spirituall as tempozall, as agaynst their heires successours executours and admynistrators and euery of them, & agaynst none other, as wrytinges obligatozies taken and knowledged accozdinge to the statute of the staple at westm at any time befoze the making of this present acte, haue ben vsed to be taken exercised and executed agaynst anie lay person or persones. And that the king in al suites hereafter to be taken in or vpon any obligation or specialties, made or hereafter to be made to the kinge, or anie to his vse shall haue and recouer his iuste dettes costes and dammages, as other common persons vse to do in suites and pursutes for their dettes. And that all such suites as now be dependinge in the name of anie common persone to his graces vse, wherof no verdict is or befoze the feast of Easter next comming shall be giuen or passed, or no exigende awarded, shall abate be voyde and of none effecte. And neuerthelesse the king by the auctozitie afozesayde, shall haue his suite and remedy for the sayd dette so being in action and proccesse, in fourme as is afozesayde, in anie of the courtes in this acte mencioned, any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

And it is further enacted by the auctozitie abouesaid, that all and euery suite and suitie, whiche hereafter shall be hadde made or taken, of for or vpon anie dette or dueties, which heretofore hath growen or be dew, or that hereafter shall growe or be due to the kinge, in the seuerall offices and courtes of his Exchequer, Duchie of Laneaster, Augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, Surueyours generall of his manours landes and tenementes, Maister of the wardes and lyueries, and courte of the first fruities and tenthes, or in anie of them, or by reason or auctozitie of anie of theym, shall be

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be fetherally sued in la the one of the laide courtes and offices, in the which court and office, or by reason of the which court and office, the same dette or due tie bydde first growe or become to be dewe, or hereafter shall growe or become dewe, or in the which office or court the recognisance obligation or specialtie is or shall be or remaine. And every suche seuerall suite and suites shall be made in euery of the sayde seuerall offices and courtes vnder the seuerall seales of the laide seuerall courtes, by Capias, Extendi facias, Subpoena, attachement, & proclamations of alleageaunce, if neede shall requyre, or any of them, or otherwise, as vnto the sayde seuerall courtes shall bee thought by their discretions expediente for the speedie recovery of the kynges debtes. And that the laide court of Eschequer, and all and euerye of the sayde courtes, shall haue hole and full auctozitee and power, to here and determine al and euery suche suite and suites as hereafter shall be taken commenced and pursued for the intent aboue specified, and therupon to award make and do execution by and vpon the bodie landes and goodes of the party or parties that so shall be condemned accoꝝdingly. And also shall haue full power and auctozitee, to heere and determine al and al maner of dettes betwixt trespasses accomptes reconynges wastes disceytes negligences defautes contemptes complaintes ryottes quarells suites stryfes controuerxies for capturess offences and other thinges what so euer they shall bee, which hereafter shall growe be moued stered procured pursued or anye in for or vpon any matter cause or other thinge assigned committed or appointed or hereafter to be assigned committed or appointed to the seuerall directions orders and gouernaunces of the same courtes or any of them, or for or vpon any maner of thinge or thinges, which make or shall touche or in any wise concerne the same, wherein the kyng shall be onely partie. And also all maner of states for terme of yeres betwene party and party concerning the premys, and to correct and punyssh by their discretions all and euery persone and personnes, which befoze them shall be conuicted of any of the premys, accoꝝdinge to the nature qualitee and quantite of his or their offence or offences, cause or causes, matter or matters, al and al maner of treasons murders felonies estates rightes titles and interestes, as well of inheritance as of freeholde, other then ioynters for terme of life onely excepted and alwaies reserued.

And be it enacted by the auctozitee aforesayde, that if any persone or persons shall make or pretende any claime ryght title interest or possession, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, bargayned solde or exchanged, or hereafter to be bargayned solde or exchaunged by the kyng our soueraigne lord, to any person or persons in fee simple or fee taile, by his highnes lettres patentes made or to be made therof vnder his great seale of Englande, vpon which letters patentes there is or shall be reserued any annual rentes or fermes payable to the kynges highnes his heires or successors in his laide court of Augmentacions, or demaunde or aske any rentes annuities offyces fees or other profittes in out or of any suche manours

landes tenementes or hereditamentes, conteyned or to be comprised in any
suche lettres patentes, made or hereafter to be made as is aforesayde. And
our sayd soueraygne lord his heires or successours, shall make or pretend
any clayme ryght title interest or possession, in or to any manours landes
tenementes or hereditamentes, bargayned solde or exchaunged, or to be bar-
gayned solde or exchaunged, by the kynge his heires or successours, to any
persone or persons in fee simple or fee taylor, by his or their lettres patentes
therof made or hereafter to be made vnder his or their great seale of England
vpon whiche lettres patentes is or shalbe reserved any annuall rentes or ser-
vices payable, or which shalbe payable to the king his heires or successours,
in his sayde court of Augmentacions: Or if the kynge his heires or success-
ours, demaunde or aske any rentes annuities or other profits or heredita-
mentes of any estate of inheritauce, in or out of any manours landes
tenementes or hereditamentes conteyned or comprised, or to be conteyned or
comprised, appoynted or to be appoynted or assigned, to the sayde court of
Augmentacions, in any lettres patentes made or hereafter to be made, as is
aforesayde: That than the Chauncellour of the sayd court of Augmenta-
tions, by the assent of the counsaile of the sayde court, or the moze parte of
them, shall haue power and auctorite by auctorite of this act, to examine al
suche demandes ryghtes titles interestes & possessions, rentes annuities of-
fices fees and other profits & hereditamentes, what soever they shalbe, and
euery of them so to be demanded pretended claimed or asked, as is aforesaid
and by witnes profes and other wayes and meanes by their discretions, to
here and determine the same. And in case the kinges patentes in anye suche
letters patentes as is aforesayd, or anye of them, their heires successours or
assignes, shall be compelled by the auctorite of the sayd court of Augmen-
tacions, by decree or iudgement of the same court, to render and yeld to any
person or persons in fee simple or fee taylor, the landes tenementes or heredita-
mentes comprised or specified in anye such letters patentes, or any parcell of
them, or to suffer anye person or persons to haue and enioy any offences ren-
tes annuities or other profits or hereditamentes in fee simple or in fee taylor,
out or of the same, or out of anye parcell therof: And that it shall appere in
the sayde letters patentes, that the kinge his heires or successours, is or
shall be bounden, or of right and equitie ought to recompence and satisfye
the sayde patentes, their heires successours executours or assignes, or anye
of them, of and for suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes an-
nuities rentes offices fees or other profits recovered in fee simple, or fee
taylor, by decree or iudgement of the sayd court, as is aforesaid, or els to dis-
charge and acquite the sayd patentes, theyr heires successours executours
and assignes, of or for any rentes annuities offices fees or other profits a-
foresayde recovered by decree or iudgement in fee simple or fee taylor, as is
aboue sayde. And yf it shall appere vnto the sayde court of Augmentacions,
or vnto the moze part of the, that the king his heires or successours of right
and equitie ought to haue recouer or enioy, in fee simple or fee taylor, anye
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manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, in any suche letters patentes comprized, oꝝ rentes annuities offices fees oꝝ other profittes, in oure oꝝ of the same: That than in all and euery suche case and cases the sayd Chauncellour of the Augmentations foꝝ the time beinge, with the assent of thre oꝝ moze suche persones as hereafter shalbe named by the kynge his heyles oꝝ successours shal haue full power and auctoritie withoute any bille oꝝ warrant to be signed oꝝ sued from the kinge his heyles oꝝ successours foꝝ the same, as well to recompence and satisfie the partie oꝝ parties greeued, so moche in money of the kinges treasure remaininge in the sayde court of Augmentations, as the sayde manours landes tenementes rentes annuities offices fees oꝝ other profittes oꝝ hereditamentes, lost oꝝ recouered by decree oꝝ iudgement of the said court of Augmentations, as is aforesayd, shal be woꝝthe to be sold oꝝ otherwise discharge and acquite such person oꝝ persons therof accoꝝding to his oꝝ their letters pattentes, as also to make and take oꝝder drection decree and iudgemente foꝝ the kinge his heyles and successours, foꝝ the recouerie attayninge and hauinge of all and singular suche manours landes tenementes rentes annuities offices fees profittes and hereditamentes, and all and euery other thinge and thinges, whiche the king his heyles and successours by and vpon suche examination and examinacions, ought shulde and shalbe iustly intitled to haue recouer possede oꝝ inposse in fee simple oꝝ in fee taylor: And the same decree drection oꝝder and iudgemente to be good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde al parties and priues to the same to al intentes and purposes. And where any decree oꝝ iudgement whiche shalbe giuen in the sayd court of augmentations foꝝ any the premis ses, extende to the losse of the kinges patente oꝝ patentes, theyꝝ heyles successours executours oꝝ administratours, but foꝝ terme of lyfe oꝝ liues of the demaundant oꝝ demaundantes, pleyntife oꝝ pleyntifes, oꝝ foꝝ terme of yeres the losse wherof the king is bounden and ought to recompence discharge oꝝ acquite by his letters pattentes: than the sayde Chauncellour of the augmentations shal haue full power and auctoritie to recompence oꝝ discharge the same in money, as is aforesayd, oꝝ els to recompence the same of the landes tenementes hereditamentes and possessions limited to the suruey and gouernaunce of the saide court of Augmentations, to be graunted vnder the seale of the same court by the discretion of the sayde Chauncellour, as shal seme to him best foꝝ the kinges profite, without any byll oꝝ warrant to be sued oꝝ signed by oꝝ from the kinge foꝝ the same. And that euery such recompence satisfaction and discharge to be made by auctoritie of this acte, to any person oꝝ persons by the sayd Chauncellour as is aforesayd, shal be good and effectuell against the king his heyles and successours, any lawe usage oꝝ custome to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that euery of the sayde court shal haue full power and auctoritie, by foꝝce of this acte, to set such fines penalties and amerciamentes vpon parties, mynistres officers and other persons, foꝝ his and theyꝝ defaultes, contemptes neglygences oꝝ inede-

misdeameanours, as vnto the sayd courtes oꝛ vnto anie of them shall be reasonably considered & thought expedient. And that all and euery triall and tryalles, of all and all maner of suites billes pleyntes informations declarations compleyntes answeres replications allegacions causes matters and pssues oꝛ anie of them, to be pursued made oꝛ tried in the said seuerall courtes oꝛ anie of them, shall be made and tried by due examination of wytnes wyrtinges pꝛofes, oꝛ by suche oꝛther wayes oꝛ meanes, as by the sayde seuerall courtes, oꝛ by anie of them shall be thought expedient. And that all and euerye suche iudgement and iudgementes decree oꝛ decrees examination & examinations, shall be good perfect and in full strength force and effecte in the law to all nentes constitutions and purposes.

¶ And wherby diuerse & sundrie persons stand bounden to the kynges highnes in diuerse great and notable summes of money, by recognisaunce oꝛ oꝛther bondes, in the said seuerall courtes foꝛ dettes due to the kynges highnes, as well foꝛ the purchase of landes and woodes and perfourmaunce of conditions, as also foꝛ diuers and sundꝛi other causes And al be it the same persons haue wel and trewly satisfied contented and payde the same dettes oꝛ perfourmed the conditions of the same recognisaunce oꝛ other bondes, yet the same recognisances oꝛ other bondes cannot be made voyde without the kinges especiall warrant, which shuld be muche vniquietnes to the kinges maiestie, and also very chargeable to his graces subiectes, to sue to his highnes from time to time foꝛ the same. In consideration wherof, and foꝛ as moche as the sayde personnes beinge so bounden by recognisaunce, oꝛ in oꝛther bondes, may by diuerse casualties lose their acquitances, wherby great daunger and peryl may grow to them theyꝝ heyrres executours and successors: Be it therfoꝛ enacted by the kinge our soueraygne loꝛde, wyth the assente of the loꝛdes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that vpon the sight of the acquitances, made oꝛ to be made foꝛ the paymente of the sayde dette oꝛ dettes oꝛ summe oꝛ summes of money, growen oꝛ to be growen, oꝛ due and sufficient pꝛofe made oꝛ hereafter to be made befoꝛe the sayde seuerall head officers foꝛ the tyme beinge of the said seuerall courtes, as the case shall cōse oꝛ growe, oꝛ if the condition of the same recognisance oꝛ bonde be perfourmed oꝛ kept: That than euerye suche seuerall head officer, foꝛ that recognisance taken oꝛ to be taken by him oꝛ anie of his pꝛedecessours, oꝛ of anie oꝛther bonde foꝛ tyme beinge within his charge and cure, shall haue full power and auctoritie to cancell and make voyde the sayde recognisance oꝛ oꝛther bonde, calling to him suche of the same courte as to him oꝛ theym shall seme mooste conueniente foꝛ the cancellation of the same recognisance oꝛ bonde.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the same cancellation so made, shall be a sure and suffyciente discharge of the same recognisance oꝛ other bonde, to all and euerye suche personne oꝛ personnes, as doo oꝛ shall stande bounden in the same recognisance oꝛ bonde,

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to cancelled against the kynpes hyghnes his heires executours and successours for ever.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the same seuerall head officers for the tyme being, in euery of their sayd seuerall courttes, shall haue full power and auctoritee to discharge concele or make voyde by his or their discrecion, all and singuler recognisaunces nowe made or hereafter to be made in the said court, for any aparance or other contempt. And that the same head officer or officers, and the parties so bounden and to be bounden, to be discharged agaynst the kyng our sayd soueraygne lord his heires executours & successors for the cancellacio of the same recognisance.

¶ And where the kynges maiestie sithen the making of the same estatute in the sayd xxvii. yere of his noble regne, of his owne mere motion liberaltye and benignite, hath frely geuen and graunted by his sundrie letters patenttes vnder his great seale of england, vnto dyuers and sundry of the nobles and lordes, as well spirituall as tempozall of this his realme, and also vnto dyuers and many other persons and bodies politike, to their heires or successors, and to the heires of their bodies, or for terme of life or lyues, dyuers and many sundry honours castelles manours landes tenementes rectories pencions porcions and other hereditamentes, whiche than were in the order gouernaunce and suruey of the same courtte of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crowne, or out of any other of the sayd seuerall courttes, reseruing vnto his maiesty his heires and successors by the same letters patenttes, one yerely rent in the name of one tenth, or the tenth part of the yerely value of the same pzemisses, or any other tenth payable and to be payed in the same courttes, or to the officers of the same courttes deputed and assigned for the same, at one certayne feast or day in the same letters patenttes mencioned and declared, which sayd persons so aduaunced, not with standynge they haue sithen and after the making of the same letters patenttes peaceably enioyed the same manors landes tenementes and hereditamentes so geuen, and therof haue quietly perceyued and taken the issues reuenues and profytes therof: yet neuerthelesse dyuers of the same personnes haue not at the dayes and feasttes assigned and lymitted vnto them in the same letters patenttes, nor yet in long tyme after the same dates and feasttes of paiement therof, contented ann paid in the same courttes, or to the officers of the same courttes assigned and deputed for the same, the said yerely rent or rentes so reserued to the kynges hyghnes, contrary to their dueties, and agaynste all reason and good conscience. In consideracion wherof be it therefore now ordeined enacted and established, by the assent of the kynges maiesty, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that if any person of what estate degree or condicion so euer he be, or body polypthyke, to whom the kinges maiesty hath by his letters patenttes vnder his great seal of Englande, or vnder the great seale of the same court of Augmentacion, geuen or graunted, or hereafter shall geue or graunt, with lyke reseruacion of rent

oꝛ rentes, any manours landes tenementes rectories oꝛ other hereditamentes what soeuer, whiche were oꝛ hereafter shall be in the oꝛder gouernaunce and suruey of the same courtes, oꝛ any of theim, to be had to them and their heyres oꝛ successours, oꝛ foꝛ any other estate of inheritance, oꝛ foꝛ terme of lyfe oꝛ lyues, yeldyng and reseruyng to the same our said soueraigne lord the kinge his heires oꝛ successours, one yerele rente at one certayne daye oꝛ feast in the saue letters patentes expressed mentioned and declared, and to be paid into the same courtes, that if the same persons bodies politike their heyres successours oꝛ assigned, oꝛ any of them, do not truly content oꝛ pay, oꝛ cause to be contented oꝛ paid vnto the treasurer of the said seuerall courtes, oꝛ to the generall oꝛ pericular receiuer of the same seuerall courtes, deputed and assigned foꝛ the same foꝛ the time beyng, to the vse of the kinges hyghnes, at the daie oꝛ feast lymitted by the same letters patentes, oꝛ within thre monethes nette and immediate after the same daie oꝛ feast of payement therof, all suche summes of moneye, whiche ben oꝛ hereafter shall be due reserued to the kinges maiestie his heyres & successours, by the same letters patentes oꝛ by any of them, oꝛ make sufficiēt tender therof to the saide Treasourer oꝛ general oꝛ particular receiuer: that then ebery of the same persons, bodies politike, their heyres successours oꝛ assignes, foꝛ lacke & default of paiement of the same rente, to foꝛsaite and lose to the kinges maiestie his heyres & successours as muche money as the fourthe parte of the same rent so reserued oꝛ hereafter to be reserued foꝛ one yere, doth oꝛ shal amount vnto foꝛ and in the name of one peyne, ouer and aboue the same rente reserued oꝛ hereafter to be reserued. And if it happen the same persons bodies politike their heires successours oꝛ assignes oꝛ any of the, do not within one halfe yere next after the day oꝛ feast expressed in the same letters patentes, content oꝛ pay, oꝛ laufully tender vnto the same Treasourer, oꝛ general oꝛ particular receiuer, to the vse of the kinges maiesties his heires oꝛ successours, as wel the said yerele rente so reserued oꝛ hereafter to be reserued, as also þ said summe of moneye foꝛsaited foꝛ and in the name of a peine: that then the same persons bodies politike, their heires successours oꝛ assignes, so offendyng, shal foꝛsaite and lose to the kinges maiestie his heires and successours, so much money as the moity oꝛ halfe deale of the same rent reserued oꝛ to be reserued foꝛ one yere, doeth oꝛ shal amount vnto, ouer and aboue the said rent reserued oꝛ to be reserued, and so to foꝛsaite and lose foꝛ euere half yere after, so much money as the hole rent reserued oꝛ to be reserued, foꝛ one hole yere, dothe oꝛ shal amounte vnto, vntil the same rent reserued oꝛ to be reserued, and the arerages of the same, and also the said summes of maney so foꝛsaited and losse foꝛ a peine, ben vnto the same Treasourer oꝛ general oꝛ particular receiuer truly satisfied contented and payd, to the vse of the kinges hyghnes his heyres and successours.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that it shal be lesul to the same Treasourer and generall oꝛ particular receiuer, to distraine as wel foꝛ the same rente so reserued oꝛ to be reserued, and foꝛ the arerages of the

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the same, as also for the said summes of money so forsayted or to be forsayted and losse, for and in the name of the payne aforesaid. And also the head officer or officers of either of the same courtes for the time beinge, vpon certificate to him made or to be made of the same defaulte and contempte, shall and may awarde suche proces out of the same courtes against the same offender for not paying of the sayd tenthe so referued, or to be referued, and also for the same summes of money forsayted and to be forsayted by this acte as by his or their discretion shall seme conueniente.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any personne or persons hereafter make lawfull payment to anye of the sayde Treasurers or generall or particular recepuour of any of the same courtes, deputed and assigned for the same, of any summe or summes of money due to the kinges highnes his heyres or successours, for any yerely rents or tenth, and vpon or after suche payment offer vnto the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, one lawfull and sufficient acquitaunce reby made to be assigned by the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, witnessinge the recepte of the sayde summe or summes of money so payde: that then the said Treasurer generall or particular Recepuour, shall with his owne hand assigne the same acquitaunce, without taking anye fee or reward for makinge of the same acquitaunce, vpon payne to forsayte and lose for every time offendinge contrarie to this acte. It is one moztie whereof to bee to the kinges highnes, and the other moztie to the partie that will pursue for the same. And if the parties, whiche hereafter shall happen to paye to the same treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, anye suche summe or summes of money, and do not bring an acquitaunce with him to be signed as is beforesayd: that then if the same treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, vpon request to him made, shall make & deliuer vnto the same partie one sufficient acquitaunce, testifiinge the same recepte, that then the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour or any of his clarkes, shall not receiue or take of the same partie for the makinge of the saide acquitaunce not aboue foure pence, vpon payne to forsayte for everye suche acquitaunce, x. s. for which he or they shall happē to take aboue the sayd summe of. liii. s. to be recouered as is befoze saide, that is to saye, the one moztie ther of to the use of the kinges highnes of his heyres and successours, and the other moztie therof to the partie that wyl pursue for the same.

And be it also enacted, that the same acquitaunce shall be sufficient discharge accordyng to the tenour and effect of the same.

And be it also further enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the same general or particular recepuours, whiche now be or hereafter shall be within anye of the said courtes, happen to pay to any person or persons any annuittie pension or other rent: that then if the same person or persons vpon the receipt therof deliuer vnto the same general or particular recepuour one sufficient and lawfull acquitaunce sealed and signed testifiinge the same recepyt: that then the same general or particular recepuour,

vour, shall receiue the same acquittance, without taking o^r receyving any
 o^r rewarde for the making of the same. And if the same party, to whom the
 sayd generall o^r particular recepuour hath so contented and payde any such
 annuities, pension, o^r rent, do not bring with him one sufficient acquittance,
 signed and sealed, testifying the receipt of the same money, by reason whereof
 the same generall o^r particular recepuour by him selfe o^r his clerke make
 one acquittance for the receipt of the same annuities pension o^r rent, that then
 the same recepuour o^r his clerke, shall not receyue o^r take for the making of
 any such acquittance, whiche he shall so happen to make, nat above .iiii.
 upon payne to forsaite for every such acquittance, whiche he shall happen to
 refuse, being redy made and offered to be deliuered to him as is abovesayd
 xx. shillings. And for every acquittance whiche he shall here after happen
 to make for any the payementes aforesayd, and to receyue for the making
 of the same acquittance above the sayde summe of .iiii. pence, to forsaite
 shillings, the one moytie to be to the kinge, and the other moytie to the par-
 tie that shall sue for the same. And also that the same generall o^r particular
 recepuours o^r their deputies, whiche hereafter shall happen to pay any such
 annuities pension o^r rent, shall not receyue o^r take of the partie, to whom
 he shall happen to paye the same, in the way of rewarde o^r otherwise, nat a-
 boue the summe of foure pence of every pounce, whiche the same generall o^r
 particular recepuour shall so happen to paye, vppon payne to forsaite .vi.
 viii. pence for every pence, whiche he o^r they shall happen to receyue above
 the sayde summe of foure pence for euery pounce, whiche he o^r they shall
 happen to paye: the one moytie of the same forsaite to be to the king, and
 the other moytie to the partie that shall sue for the same. And that al the law
 suites, concerning the sayd forsaitures, may be commensed and pursued by
 bill information o^r action, in which suite none espyne protection o^r waite
 of lawe to be admittred.

And be it further enacted, that yf any person o^r persons hereafter happen
 to tender o^r offer vnto any of the auditours of the same severall courtes, in
 the tyme being, any of the kinges letters patentes decrees of any of the same
 severall courtes, grauntes, indentures of leases, as well for terme of years,
 as for terme of lyfe o^r lues, to be entolled before the same auditour, accord-
 yng to his office: that than the same auditour, vppon the same tender o^r
 offer, shall entoll the same, o^r as muche of the same letters patentes decrees
 grauntes o^r indentures, as shall apperteyne to his sayde office. And yf any
 of the same auditours o^r any of they, clerkes, o^r anye other to they, use
 to the vse of anye of them, receyue and take for the inrollement of any of the
 same letters patentes decrees grauntes o^r indentures, o^r for the allowance of
 the same above the summe of .iii. s. .iiii. d. that then the same auditour o^r his
 clerke so offending shall forsaite .vi. s. .viii. d. for every penny, whiche the same
 auditour o^r any of the, shall happen at any tyme hereafter to receyue contrary
 to the fourme aforesayd, the one moytie of the same forsaiture to be to the
 kinges vyghnes, and the other moytie to him that shall sue for the same

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by such manner and forme as is aforesayd. And be it also further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that every auditor of every of the said severall courttes petyl in every countie within theyr sayde severall limittes, by the space of twenty dayes or moze before they auditte, shall pzoclayme and declare in .iiii. severall markettes or other places, the place and dayes, where and whan they wyl kepe theyr severall auditours in the same wyse, vppon payne to forsayte for every time doing the contrarte, v. li. the one moztie wherof to be to the kinges highnesse, and the other moztie to the partie that will sue for the same in fourme aforesayd. And that also every of the auditours of the said severall courttes beinge usually assigned to their severall limittes, and every of the particullar recepuours of the same severall courttes, beinge also severall assigned and toynded with the same severall auditours in theyr sayde severall limittes, after and betwene every of the feastes of saynt Michaele the archangell and Christmasse, shall direct and awarde theyr severall warrantes and pzeceptes vnder their seales, to every of the recepuours bayliffes, reues, and other officers what so ever accomptable before the same auditours, and by the same warrant or pzecepte to charge and commaunde in the name of our sayd sovereigne lord the kinge, every of the said recepuours bayliffes reues and other officers, to appere before them at one certayne daye and place in the same warrant or pzecepte to them prescribed, there to declare and make a iuste and true accompte of all such receyptes, wherof they be accomptable, and owe to accompte. And after yf the same auditours and particullar recepuours do repayre vnto the same place, and there kepe theyr auditte, according to the same pzoclamations pzecepte and warrant: that then yf any recepuour, bayliffe, reue, or other officer, beinge accomptable of or for anye of the manours landes tenementes or other whatso ever hereditamentes, now repayringe or which hereafter shal be and remaine in the order gouernance or suruey of any of the same severall courttes, be lawfully warned, as wel by the same pzoclamation or by pzecept or warrant in writinge and sealed, and in the name of any of the Auditours of the sayde severall courttes, personally to appere by himselfe, or by his sufficient and lawfull deputie before the same auditour and recepuour at one certayne daye and place, in the same warrant or pzecept prescribed, there to make and declare a iuste and true accompte of all receyptes of his sayde office. And yf the same recepuour reue bayliffe and other officer, so beinge lawfully warned, doo not appere before the same auditour and recepuour at the same daye and place in the sayde warrant exprelled: Or yf the same recepuour, bayliffe, reue, or officer, do at the same day and place to them prescribed, appere, and wyl not accompte before the same auditour, according to the rebour and effecte of the same pzecept or warrant, or if the same recepuour, bayliffe, reue, or other officer accomptable, do by him selfe or by his sufficient and lawfull deputie appere before the same auditour and recepuour, and than and there enter into his or theyr accompte before the sayde auditour, and after the same accompte

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synnished and ended, if the same recepuour baylyffe reue or other officer, do not contente and paie vnto the Treasourer of the same seuerall courtes, or to the generall or particuler recepuour of the same countie for the tyme beyng, as the case shall requyre, within thye wekes next and immediately after the same accompte fully synnished and ended, all such summes of money whiche vpon the determinacion of his saide accompte he shall happen to be founde in arrearages, and the same defeaute and contempte beyng duely prooued befoze the heade officer or officers of the sayde seuerall courtes for the tyme beyng: that than euery suche recepuour baylyffe reue or officer, so offendinge, to forsaite and lose his sayde offyce, and also his fee, which he or they had and perceyued for the exercisynge of the same offyce.

And be it also further enacted by auctoritee of this pzelesente parlyamente, that if any of the sayd receiuours bailiffes reues or other officers, vpon the declaracion of their sayde accomptes, do willingly concele and withdraue any rente reuenue fyne herriet, or other casualltee what so euer it be, of the whiche he oughte to haue made accompte, and the same duely approued befoze the sayde head officer or officers for the tyme beyng: that then euery suche recepuour baylyffe reue or other officer so offendinge, to forsaite and lose his sayd offyce and fee, which he had for the exercisynge of the same, and also thye times as muche as he hath so conceled and withdrawen. And that the said head officer or officers of the same seuerall courtes for the time beyng immediately vpon certificat to him made of the same default contempte or offence, shall awarde proces in nature of attachement againste the same recepuour baylyffe reue or other officer, as well for the same arrearages remainynge in the handes of the same receiuour bailiffe reue or officer, as also for the penaltie of theyr recognisaunce or bonde, in whiche the same receiuour baylyffe reue or officer standeth bounden to our sayde louverayne lord the kynge, as also for the contempte and pynne lyimited and appoynted by his acte.

And be it further enacted by auctoritee of the sayde, that in all actions and suites to be taken or pur sued in any the courtes aforesayde, for the recovery of any dette or debtes, whiche now be or that hereafter shall happen to appertayne accrue remaine or be to the kynge, by reason of any award outlawry forsaiture gifte of the partie, or by any other collateral way or meanes, it shall be sufficient in the lawe to shewe and allege in the sayde suite generally, that the partie, to whom the sayde det or dettes was due or byd belonge, suche pere and daye dyd gyue the same det or dettes vnto the kynge, or was assaynted outlawed or other offence, forsaiture, dede, det or thing committed or did, by reason wherof the said det or dettes byd accrue and ought to remaine come and be to the kynge. And that the same matter, so to be shewed alleged or declared in a generalite, without shewing and declaringe the circumstance therof, shall be of as good force and effect in the lawe to all intents constructions and purposes, as if the hole matter ther-

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it had ben or were alleged and declared at large in every point, accordinge to the due order of the common lawes of this realme.

AND be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any suite be commenced or taken, or any proces be hereafter awarded for the kinge, for the recovery of any the kinges dettes: that then the same suite and proces shall be preferred before the suite of any other person or personnes. And that our said soueraigne lord his heyres and successours, shall haue first execution against any defendaunt or defendantes, of and for his saide dettes, before any other person or persons, so alwaies that the kinges said suite be taken and commenced, or proces awarded for the saide det, at the suite of our said soueraigne lord the kyng his heyres or successours, before iudgement given for the said other person or persons.

AND be it enacted also by auctorite aforesaid, that all manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, the which now be or that hereafter shall come or be in or to the handes possession occupation or reason of any person or persons, to whom the same manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, haue heretofore or hereafter shall descender tenet or remain, in fee simple or in fee tayle, generall or speciall, by death or after the death of any his or their auncestor or auncestors, his heyre, or by gift of his auncestors, whose heyre he is, whiche said auncestor or auncestors was is or shall be indebted to the kyng, or to any other person or persons to his vse, by iudgement recognisaunce obligation or other specialtie, the det whereof is or shall not be contented and payed: that then in every such case the same manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes shall be and stand by auctorite of this acte, from henceforth, charged and chargeable to and for the payment of the same det, and of every parte thereof. And that our said soueraigne lord, his heyres and successours, at any tyme hereafter shall not be barred delayed forclosed or excluded, to demaunde haue and receyue his or their suite due and lawfull dettes & dueties against any of his subiectes, as heyre or heyres to any person or persons indebted to his highnes, or to other personnes to his vse, or which shall be indebted to his highnes, his heyres or successours, all be it this word Heire be not or shall not be comprised in such recognisaunce obligation or specialtie, or that any such person or persons shall say or allege, that he or they haue not any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes to them descended, but onely such manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes as be or shall be entayled, or gyven to them by any their auncestours, to whom they be heyres, any lawes vses or customes before this tyme vled or had to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED alwaies that the kinges maiestie, his heyres and successours, maye at his or their libertie and pleasure, demaunde haue and receyue his or their saide dette or dettes, of and against any executour or executours, administratour or administratours, of any suche person or persons, whiche is hath ben or shall be indebted in maner and forme abovesaide, if the same executour or executours, administratoz or administratours, shall haue asses

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in his or their bondes in dede or in lawe, any thinge before mentioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also that if the said manours, landes and hereditamentes, or any of them, shall hereafter be recovered or expeted out of, or fro the possession of any such person or persons, by any wife or former title, without fraude or couyne, whose manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes ben or shal be charged or chargeable as is abovesaid: that then all and every such manours landes and hereditamentes, shal be clerely acquyted and discharged of and for the payment of the said dettes, and of every part thereof, any thinge before mentioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED alwaye and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if any personne or personnes, of whom any such dette or durtie is or at any tyme hereafter shal be demanded or requyred, allege please declare or shew in any of the said courtes good perfyt sufficient cause and matter in lawe or law or good consciens, in bar or discharge of the said dette or durtie, or whye such personne or personnes oughte not to be charged or chargeable to or with the same, and the same cause or matter so alleged pleaded declared or shewed, sufficiently proved in such one of the sayde courtes as he or they shal be impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same: that than the sayde courtes and every of the, shal have full power and auctorite to accept adjudge and allowe the same psonis, and holly and clerely to acquyte and discharge at and every person or personnes, that shal be so impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same, any thinge in this present acte before mentioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche be or at any tyme hereafter shal be charged or chargeable to or with the dette of our said soueraygne lord his heires or successours, and be or at any tyme hereafter shal be in the seacion and possession of divers and sundrye personnes, othen then the obligour or obligours, that than all & singular the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes and every parcell of them, shal be hollye and entierly, and in no wyse seu rally, liable and chargeable, to and with the payment and paymentes of the saide dette and durtie, any thinge before rehearsed to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also that this act nor any thinge therein conteyned, shal in any wise extend to mynische abrogate or take away any realties liberties pvtileges franchises pzeeminences iurisdictiones fines issues or amerciamentes, apperteynyng or belonging to the said duchy of Lancaster and county Palatine of Lancaster or any of them, but that the same liberties realties pvtileges franchises pzeeminences iurisdictiones fines issues and amerciamentes and every of them, shal stille continue remayne and be to the saide Duchy of Lancaster and county Palatine and to every of them, as fully holly and plenarly as they were before the makinge of this present acte, any thinge in the same conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

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PROVIDED alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaides that al maner of pꝛoces pꝛocesses and executions for Dettes, onely compynge of growping in the court of the Eschequer, shall be made in the same court of the Eschequer by such officer and officers, clerke or minister of the same court, as hath bene afoze this tyme vsed to be made, after and with such kynde of pꝛoces pꝛocesses and executions, as by this acte is lymitted and declared, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**SO GOD SAVE THE
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